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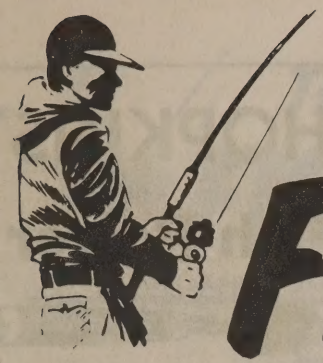

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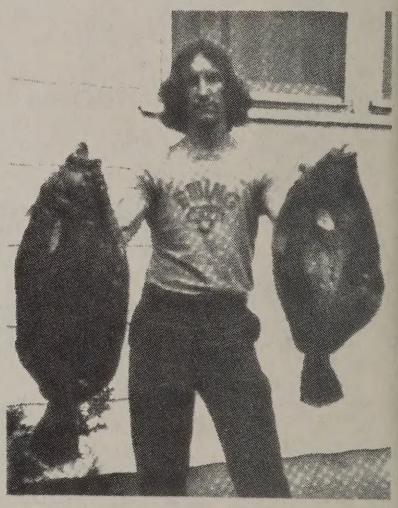

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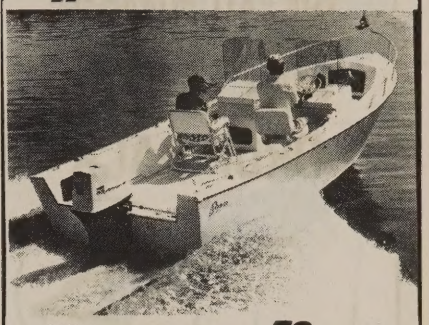

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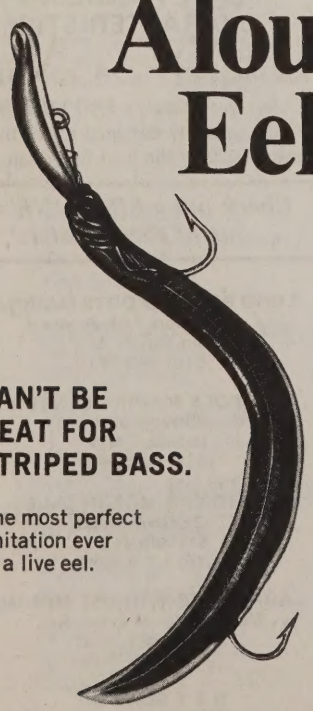

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In the interest of conservation and education of your readers, I would offer the suggestion to you in regard to "shorts" that you delete the word "thrown" and replace it with the word "place," "return" or words of like import. One throws a rock and a baseball, not a fish. While a fisherman may have good intentions by "throwing" back a "short," much permanent and even fatal damage to the fish may be caused by the impact of such a maneuver. Additionally, the fisherman should be advised that whenever able, one should not beach a fish for any extended period of time before removing the hook. It would seem to me that a diligent attempt to remove the hook while the fish is still in the water would be preferable in the interest of preserving the fish.

Robert Fishbein
Flushing, N.Y.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, words do not create the action; rather, the reverse is true. While it is a fact that most writers will freely use the word "throw" to indicate the return of an unwanted or illegal fish, there is no attempt to coerce fishermen into thrashing fish back into the water. However, Mr. Fishbein's point is valid: Fish should be carefully released if they are not to be kept; many fishermen definitely need this reminder.

Let's advance an additional step: Wet your hands prior to handling the fish and you will remove less of their protective mucous ("slime") coating; this will produce a greater recovery rate than using dry hands or towels. Better still: twist the hook out, if possible, without touching the fish at all.

SEA ROBINS AS TABLE FARE

I noticed in a past issue of Long Island Fisherman that you state that sea robin is an edible fish. The New York State Conservation Department also says sea robins are edible, so I must assume that it is so. However, when I tried my culinary skill on a specimen, the result was a completely in-edible mess with the taste and consistency of an old manilla rope.

If the sea robin is indeed a useful food fish, it is a shame that a valuable resource is wasted as is now so often the case. I suspect this happens because other fishermen also do not know how to prepare this fish. Any advice or recipes that your magazine could supply to us would be most appreciated. Thank you.

A.R. Westerfeld
Dix Hills, N.Y.

Perhaps we could entice Bernie Schwartz in writing an article on "Cooking Sea Robins Good." We are awaiting our reader's recipes with something less than acute anxiety.

LONG ISLAND SHARKS

I am a recent subscriber, and would like to say that I find your magazine interesting and very informatibe.

I would like to ask if you or anyone on your staff has ever heard of sharks coming into Long Island Sound? A friend that I fish with has fished the City Island area of the Sound for a long time. He tells me that about 20 years ago he pulled into Eaton's Neck, at a section where the shore drops off sharply, to get into the water to tighten the stuffing box. When he was in the water a large shark approached him. His brother, who was on the boat, saw the shark and threw an oar to his brother, who whacked the shark on the head and was able to make him turn.

His brother could not say what kind of shark it was, but said it was not a sand shark as it seemed to be between 6 and 7 feet in length. He also said that he heard of porbeagle sharks migrating into the Sound. The brothers names are William and Joseph Turansky. Joe and I are planning to try for sharks in the Eaton's Neck section this summer and any information or help you could give me would be appreciated.

Robert Fecher
Bronx, N.Y.

Over the years there have been a number of reported shark sightings in

Long Island Sound, and it certainly is not unreasonable to believe that these cartilaginous throwbacks to prehistoric times utilize those waters at certain times of the year.

We have no personal experiences in this matter, but fishing methods that are successful in the ocean should also produce in the Sound. Check this and future issues of the LIF.

Keep in mind that you will be attracting sharks by chumming for them, and they can scent chum a great distance due to the ultrasensitivity of their olfactory apparatus. It might not be wise to draw sharks into an area that is frequented by bathers; this could, in fact, be downright dangerous.

We invite our readers to reply to Mr. Fecher's letter.

PROBLEMS WITH PUBLIC FISHING ON HEMPSTEAD LAKE

This letter is to inform you of the new developments concerning Hempstead Lake in Hempstead Lake State Park. A month ago you were kind enough to print my previous letter in the Long Island Fisherman, and in your reply you stated that Al Kellar was looking into the matter of allowing fishing in Hempstead Lake. After writing many more letters the situation appears as follows: Mr. Kellar contacted Howthorn Bell, General Manager of the Long Island State Park Commission, who feels that the lease for the lake, controlled by the New York City Dept. of Water Resources, might be jeopardized by the Park Commission's pressuring the Dept. of Water Resources. The Dept. of Water Resources claims that the lake is up for sale, and as such it has been turned over to the Dept. of Real Estate for disposal. The Dept. of Water Resources refuses to change the restriction and the Dept. of Real Estate, in turn, claims the responsibility lies with the Dept. of Water Resources.

Perhaps by allowing these facts to be published in the Long Island Fisherman fresh water column, pressure can be applied on the city to allow those interested in fishing good bass and pickerel waters, without driving 40 or 50 miles, by having these people write to the Dept. of Water Resources and Mayor's office. This may provide the impetus for removal of the fishing restriction. I hope that through your cooperation Hempstead Lake will soon provide great fishing to the many fresh water anglers now hindered by a lack of close, productive waters. Thank you for your time.

P.S. Those wishing to write should address their letters to: Commissioner Martin P. Lang, Dept. of Water Resources, New York City, Municipal Building, Chambers Street, New York, N.Y., and also to New York City Mayor's Office, City Hall, New York, N.Y.

Donald W. Logan
Levittown, N.Y.

I am writing you in regard to Hempstead Lake. I am a member of the Long Island Bassmasters and the Nassau County Fish and Game Association, and I am presently working with Mr. Don Logan of Levittown on trying to get Hempstead Lake opened for fresh water fishing. I would appreciate your help. I would like you to print this letter in your magazine, telling your readers what our two clubs are trying to do. I hope that, by your readers seeing your article - especially other fishing clubs, they will help support our goal to get Hempstead Lake open for public fishing.

Anyone interested may contact me by writing to me at my home address, or by phone (516) 536-8141. All sportsmen clubs are welcome and any support you and these clubs can give us would be greatly appreciated by both myself, the L.I. Bassmasters and the Nassau County Fish and Game Association. We are now in the process of having petitions made up to be put into all fishing stores, sporting goods stores, etc., and any help you could give us would be welcomed.

A. Linde
2712 Brian Street
Oceanside, N.Y. 11572

LETTER FROM VLAD

Was real sorry to hear about Al Reinfelder's tragic death recently, especially so since we had so much in common — a liking for surf fishing, striped bass, an interest in ecology and even a similar background in fresh water fishing. You see, I used to spend my summers on a farm in New Jersey and often fished the Delaware River.

But he's gone now and we'll miss him. That was a fine gesture on your part to devote an entire issue of Long Island Fisherman to his memory. Thank you.

Cordially,
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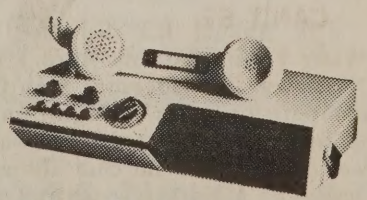

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CONTINUING CONTESTS

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State Park Fishing Contest

14th Annual Jones Beach, Captree and Robert Moses State Park Fishing Contest, conducted by L.I. State Park Commission. Contest runs May 1 thru October 30. No entry fee, open to all. Three divisions: pier/bank, surf and boat. Sixteen eligible species. Prizes furnished by Penn Reel, Zebco, Garcia and Cortland Line. Prizes monthly in each division. Grand prizes at end of contest. Details available at all parks.

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Striper Tagging Contest

A tag and release contest to aid striped bass research. Sponsored by the Striped Bass Fund, the contest runs from May 12 thru October 31. Monthly prizes and grand prizes. For further information, call Rod Vandivert (516) 587-3811.

Gamefish Release Program

The Montauk Gamefish Release Program, sponsored by the N.Y. Ocean Science Laboratory at Montauk and the Montauk Boatmen's Association. Tagging and release of giant bluefin tuna. Tags and data cards are available at the Deep Sea Club; Montauk Marine Basin, and Tuma's Dock. For further information, call Arthur Klorfein, (212) WI 7-4954.

Massaachusetts Striper Derby

Massachusetts Striped Bass Association Derby. Open to all, entry fee $1.00. Fish caught in New England waters only (Me., N.H., Mass., R.I., Conn) are eligible. Prizes: $500 U.S. Savings Bond for heaviest striper entered; 30 valuable prizes to runners-up. Derby runs through 11-30-73. Entry blanks and rules obtained by writing to: M.S.B.A., $500 Derby Chairman, P.O. Box 11, Quincy, Mass. 02169.

JULY CALENDAR

July 7: State Park Fishing Clinic: "Pest Fishing Piers, 10 AM; Captree Overlook Pier, 1 PM.

July 14, 15: First Long Island Open Shark Tournament, Nick's Marina, Hampton Bays. Open to all individuals; $200. entry fee includes bait and chum. Requirements: boats minimum 24 feet long, functional radio telephone. Guaranteed cash prizes: Largest shark, any species, $5,000; second largest, $1,000. For further info call Larry Schaefer, (516) LT 9-5805, or Ed Arnold, (516) HR 3-3300.

July 14: State Park Fishing Clinic: "Natural Marine Baits-Part 1." Jones Beach Fishing Pier, 10 AM; Captree Overlook Pier, 1 PM.

July 21: State Park Fishing Clinic: "Natural Marine Baits-Part 2." Jones Beach Fishing Pier, 10 AM; Captree Overlook Pier, 1 PM.

July 21, 22: 3rd Annual Shark Tournament, sponsored by Fin & Feather Association, Montauk. Entry fee, $100. per boat, includes bait and chum plus 2 tickets to lobster dinner and entertainment Saturday night. Prizes: Largest Mako, $750. plus trophy and head mount; largest blue shark, $250. plus trophy and head mount; also prizes for Women and Junior Divisions. For further info, call (516) 668-5900.

July 21: 2nd Annual Bluefish Tournament, sponsored by the Amity Harbor Fishing Club. Open to individuals and clubs. Entry fee: $5. per angler. Trophies and prizes for teams, individuals, women, boat skippers, etc. For further information, call (516) 842-2846.

July 22: Rain date for Bluefish Tournament, above.

AUGUST CALENDAR

August 11: State Park Fishing Clinic: "Bluefish and Snapper Fishing." Jones Beach Fishing Piers, 10 AM; Captree Overlook Pier, 1 PM.

August 18: State Park Fishing Clinic: "Surf Fishing-Part 1." Jones Beach Fishing Piers, 10 AM; Captree Overlook Pier, 1 PM.

August 18, 19: Fishing Rodeo, sponsored by Fin & Feather Association, Montauk. Details not available. For further information, call (516) 668-5900.

August 25: State Park Fishing Clinic: "Surf Fishing-Part II." Jones Beach Fishing Piers, 10 AM; Captree Overlook Pier, 1 PM.

CLUB NEWS

CHUMMERS FISHING CLUB

On June 3, 1973 the Chummer's Fishing Club of Greenpoint held its annual Father & Son Fishing Trip out of Captree off the Blue Fin. Michael Kaplan, the son of Joe Kaplan, a New York City Patrolman, won a trophy for the largest fish caught. On the following weekend, the Chummer's Fishing Club held its annual Father & Daughter Fishing Trip, also out of Captree. Terry Slesinski, daughter of Michael Slesinski, won a first prize trophy for the largest fish caught that day, off the Blue Fin.

KINGS BAY STRIPER TOURNEY RESULTS

1st Prize: Barry Goldman of Wayside, N.J., 44 lb. 3 oz. striped bass.

2nd Prize: David Goldman of Wayside, N.J., age 6, 44 lb. striped bass.

3rd Prize: Ed Reindfleish, 43 lb. 8 oz. striped bass.

Woman's Prize: Betty Sciortino of Howard Beach, 24 lb. 8 oz. striped bass.

A total of 65 fish were weighed in. There was a total of 185 contestants.

The Club also donated $100.00 to the Striped Bass Fund in memory of Al Reinfelder. The tournament was considered a great success.

NORWALK STRIPED BASS CLUB

Pictured left to right are: Earl Erickson; Lee Hartog; Lou Tabory; Bry Beeson.

Officers of the Norwalk Striped Bass Club present Lou Tabory, a member of the Board of Directors of the Striped Bass Fund, with a check for $500.00 as a donation to the Fund.

The SBF was formed in late 1972 by anglers and conservationists concerned about the deterioration to the environment and the resultant threat to the Striped Bass fishery in the United States.

Lee Hartog, president of the Norwalk Striped Bass Club, said in donating the check, "The choice is not between fish and electric power, but rather one of sufficient power with safeguards to protect our environment."

WATERBURY DEEP SEA FISHING CLUB

William King, East Hartford, was the big winner in the 11th annual Waterbury Deep Sea Fishing Club Codfish Tournament held out of Point Judith, R.I., June 9 and 10.

His 36-pound, 12-ounce cod gave him the top prize, a bond and a trophy, for the heaviest cod of the tournament. It also brought him the Connecticut state trophy and a trophy awarded by the Rhode Island Party and Charter Boat Association for the largest cod taken from a party boat.

King also landed a 35-pound, 1-ounce cod to tie down the trophy for the third heaviest cod of the tournament.

Slipping in between King's big two fish was a 35-pound, 6-ounce cod taken by Stanley Chotnowski, of New Britain, Conn., for the second place trophy.

The juvenile trophy for the largest cod taken by an angler under 18 went to Michael Paccadolmi, Newtown, Conn. The cod weighed in at 22 lbs., 1 oz.

Heaviest cod by a female angler this year went to Blanche Herrick, North Grosvenor Dale, Conn., weighing in at 32 lbs., 12 ozs.

Henry Hetu, Coventry, Conn., made it the first clean sweep in 11 years for Nutmeg State anglers by nailing down the trophy for the heaviest cod taken from aboard a charter boat with his 31 lb. cod.

Non-Connecticut anglers who won trophies (in areas where Connecticut anglers weren't eligible) were:

Rhode Island trophy: Arthur Squicciarino, East Providence, R.I. Heaviest cod by Rhode Island angler, 31 lb., 12 ozs.

New York State trophy: Walter C. Young, Jr., Fort Montgomery, N.Y. Trophy for a 24 lb., 8 oz. cod.

News Releases

Hudson River Conservationists Set National Precedent: Appoint River Keeper

On June 20, 1973 Hudson River conservationists set national precedent by appointing Thomas Whyatt, of Cold Spring, N.Y., as "River Keeper." In its annual meeting at St. Mary's and St. John's, an historic Episcopal preparatory school on the site where George Washington had built Fort Independence to fight the British, the Hudson River Conservation Society announced that it was joining the Hudson River Fishermen's Association to retain Whyatt as "Keeper of the Hudson River."

In a joint statement, Scott Worthin, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., president of the Conservation Society and professor emeritus of geology at Vassar College, and David M. Seymour, of Garrison, N.Y., president of the Fishermen's Association and a staff naturalist for the Audubon Society, said, "We have agreed to retain Tom Whyatt as the first River Keeper of the Hudson. He will investigate complaints about pollution, present and potential, in the Hudson Valley from Manhattan to the Adirondacks. A special telephone number will be set up for the public to call.

Whyatt is a graduate of Harvard Law School. Now 29, he has worked as an editor in New York publishing housesd and until recently was employed as a field biologist by the Boyce Thompson Institute, in Yonkers, N.Y., which is conducting a study of the ecology of the Hudson College and University of Minnesota under a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

In announcing Whyatt's appointment, Worthin and Seymour pointed out that the two conservation groups are adopting, "Americam style," a profession of long standing in Great Britain. In Britain, where many rivers are in private hands, the River Keeper is a paid employee who makes certain that the river and its fishery are in healthy condition. He guards against pollution and poachers, controls vermin, mends eroded banks, cuts aquatic vegetation and raises trout. A good River Keeper knows every inch of his river and protects the desirable life in it.

For further information, please phone: Rod Vandivert, (516) 5873811; David Seymour, (914) CO 5-3119; Scott Worthin, (914) 471-1841.

NEWS RELEASE

On Sunday, July 1, 1973, from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., Jones Beach Power Squadron will kick off National Safe Boating Week (July 1-7) with a Safety and Equipment Show at Wantagh Park (South of Merrick Road off Wantagh Parkway.

Safety Officer, Mumtaz Ozer promises an interesting morning with water safety demonstrations, equipment displays, and educational displays supplied by Jones Beach Power Squadron, commercial exhibitors and Nassau County Police Department Marine Division.

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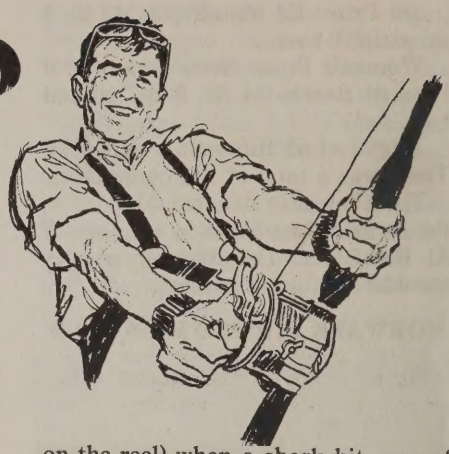
by Dick Mermon



Now you're going to begin this business of shark fishing by sending out the baits.

The first bait to be lowered can either be a drifter or a bobber type, it makes no difference, but the second should be the opposite of the first. Two, three or four rods can be fished from the drifting boat.

Monster fishing is very rarely done alone. There should be at least two (better three, best four) people on board and two should be experienced shark men. The reason for this is that one person should be on the chum spoon all the time, keeping the hot soup going in a steady stream. If the chum stream is broken at any time the sharks may lose interest in the slick and break off.

The other men can split the other chores amongst themselves: rod rigging; slicing of the chunk bait; sandwich making. In fact, one of my shark fishing buddies always seems to acquire the sandwich making job. His big excuse is that he does not know how to do the other jobs correctly, and this is after two years of fishing. Wait 'till this year - there will be some changes made on board!

As the chumming progresses, the baits are drifted out with the drags on all the reels set to their proper tension. The reels are put into free-spool with the dog drag (side clicker button) on. This is to prevent the reel from getting a "birds nest" (overrunning of the line on the reel) when a shark hits one of the baits.

If there is a brisk wind and a chop on the sea the drifting boat, being pushed hard and fast, will cause the reels to sound off and strip line out in small quanitty. This is unwanted line and the noise of the reels gets everybody jumpy. To solve this problem, I take along several spring-clip clothespins. A rubber band is placed over the opening that holds the line from the rod to the bait. The clothespin is attached to the boat somewhere near the rod by a length of

The flying gaff comes up under the big blue shark.

mono or line. This inexpensive rig will hold the line tautly until a shark hits the bait, pulls the line free and the clip drops out of the way.

After about thirty minutes of chumming and anxious waiting and looking for signs of sharks in the slick, the drift bait line is snapped from the clip holder and the reel sings out with a hit. What now . . . ?

Let the fish run for awhile. Sharks will pick up the bait, run with it, then stop and slowly swim off in a steady run while swallowing the bait. When it starts to swim off the second time, count to ten slowly, then sock it to him - hard! Then sock it to him again for the "one eye wider" and hang on. The shark should do one of two things; take off for the deep six or take off for the sky, if it is a Mako. Mako sharks are one of the few that jump when hooked and they really let you know they are there.

The fight of the shark varies according to the species: Makos jump; Dusky sharks run and go deep then hang and bulldog shake, then take off for the deep again; Blue sharks run near the surface, turn, swim for the boat, then go off again near the top; Hammerheads will do everything, and even jump at times.

Mister Mako and Sir White sharks are the most unpredictable in their fight. I have heard of, and seen, Makos hit the boat and try to bite it, then take off on a long run, turn, head straight for the boat again and jump right over the cockpit. If ever a shark lands in the boat the best thing to do is find the stones to walk home on.

Here is where teamwork must come into play, when the shark is ready for the gaff. Tie the rope of the flying gaff to the cleat and wait for a good shot at the passing, tiring shark. Make sure that first shot is sunk home. The gaff must be sharp at all times or it will be deflected by the leather-like skin of the shark. When you sink the gaff and it breaks away from the handle, ol' Mister Shark will take off for the bottom but should be stopped short by the hooked gaff, if it is in right. When he calms down a little, it is time to either put a second gaff into him (or her), then tail tope him.

It is easier to tail rope the shark when there are two gaffs in rather than one. The second gaff is placed towards the rear of the body and the tail is lifted out of the water. The rope is placed or tossed in any way possible over the shark's tail, and this can be one of the hardest jobs at times. When it is roped, pull the noose tight and tie the other end to one of the cleats. Now take the gaff or gaffs out, cut the wire, or open the snap swivel and release the wire leader; don't be a hero and try to save the hook. Hooks are cheap compared to fingers and hands.

The tail-hanging of the shark will drown it. They must have water forced into the gills and out in order to obtain oxygen they need to sustain life. Thus, the hanging by the tail does a good job on them. When the sharks hang this way they generally tend to stay still except when there is another shark in the area. Other sharks seem to give off vibrations in the water that the tail-roped shark picks up, and it will begin to pound and thrash. This is a true sign of other sharks being in the area without your actually seeing them.

Many sport fishermen now do not bother gaffing their quarry. They fight them, bring them to the boat and then tag them for future study, thereby collecting data for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration in Rhode Island. After

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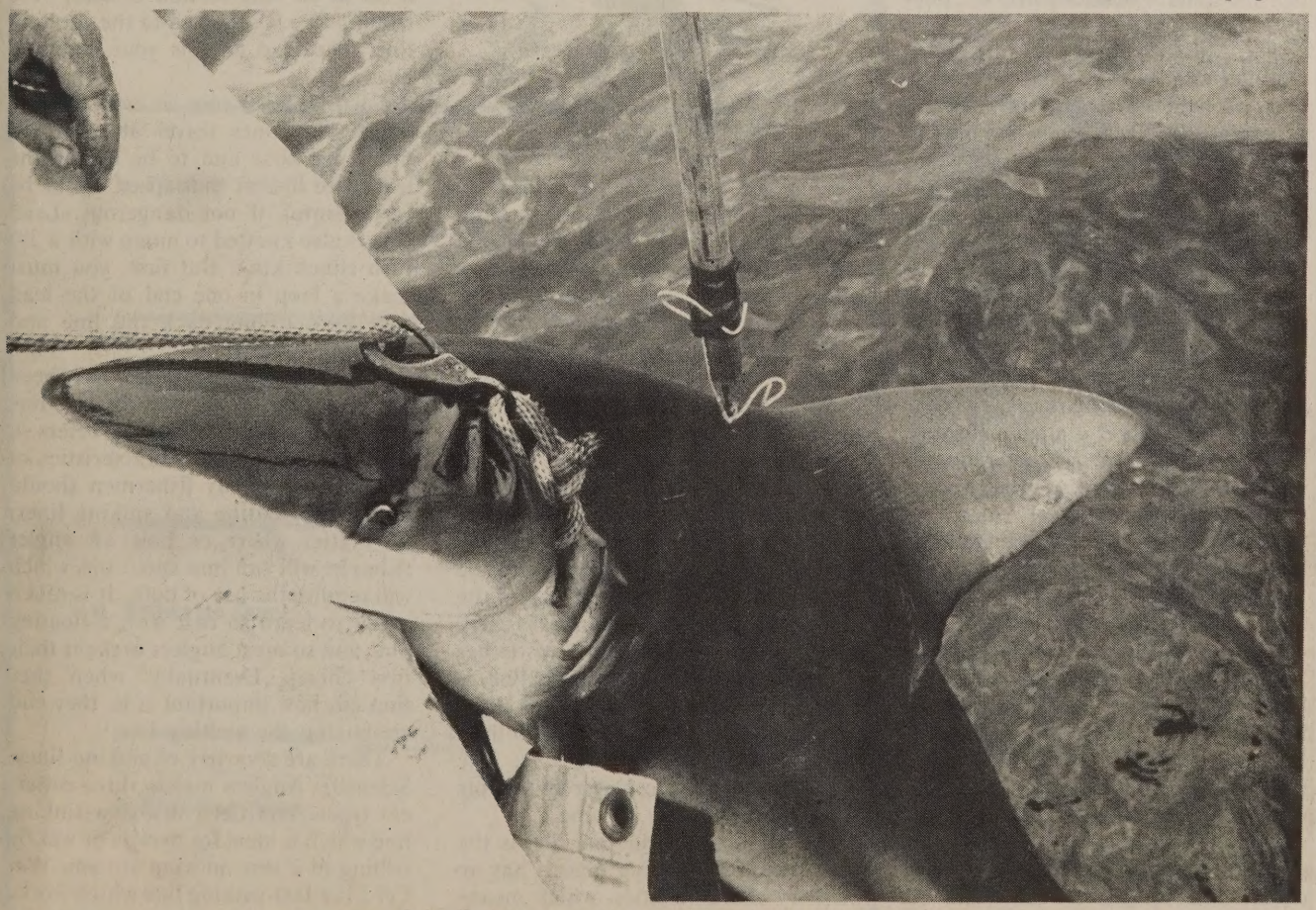


A roped blue shark held secure for tagging and a later release.

Fly-Fishing Primer:

PART 2: WHAT FLY LINE TO SELECT

by Lou Tabory

Choosing a proper fly line is not as easy as choosing a spinning line. There are many different types and styles of fly lines, and each has a special purpose for the fly fisherman.

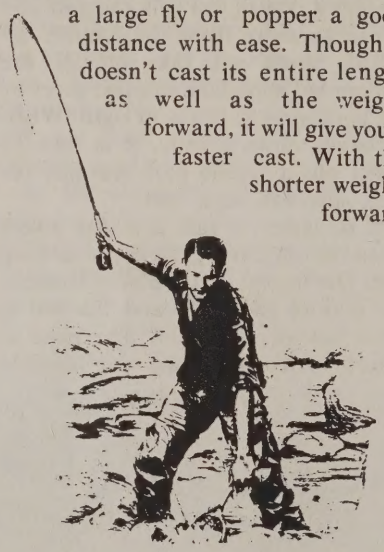
There are five basic types of fly line: level; double taper; weight-forward; salt water taper and shooting taper. There are others, but for the time being we will deal with the ones I have mentioned. With these five types of fly line you can cover 99% of the fly fishing situations in the world. (See diagram for drawings of fly lines.)

The first and most basic fly line is the level line. This line is just what the name says it is — uniform throughout its entire length. For pan fishing and high water trout fishing this inexpensive line is fine. It is limited, however, because the large diameter at the end of the line results in a poor presentation of the lure.

The double taper is the most popular line for the trout fisherman, and it will give him a delicate presentation. It is actually two lines in one. The double taper lacks the distance capability of a weight forward, but the streamside trout angler seldom needs this anyway. The big advantage of the double taper is its roll-casting ability. With the larger belly it will roll out much more line than any of the weight forwards. One thing the double taper does is to reduce the effective line capacity of the reel. With the larger diameter through most of its length there is less room for backing. Again, this is of little concern to trout fishermen.

The weight-forward is my favorite line. It gives me everything I want in a fly line: long casts; gentle delivery; good line capacity. The weight-forward gets its name from the heavy forward section, approximately 35 feet long, which carries out the rest of the line. In other words, the angler can false-cast with the forward section and shoot the entire running line. This means I can take my trout outfit equipped with a weight-forward line into salt water and have a good, light outfit. The weight-forward, with its long distance capabilities, is also a good bet for pond and lake fishing. For general fishing with average size flies it is the best all-around fly line.

For heavy salt water fishing I prefer the salt water taper. It is constructed the same as the weight-forward except the forward taper is shorter. This shortened taper is capable of casting a large fly or popper a good distance with ease. Though it doesn't cast its entire length as well as the weight-forward, it will give you a faster cast. With the shorter weight-forward



section the caster can still make a good cast with less fly line out through the guides. This is especially useful when casting to cruising fish in low water, where the angler gets only a few seconds to present his fly.

For conditions under which very long casts are required the shooting taper is a must. This line is nothing more than a 30 foot weight-forward section with a factory-spliced loop at the end. Using such a line, an average caster can probably throw 80 to 100 feet. An expert can shoot out over 150 feet with an average sized fly. The reason for such long casts is the resistant-free running line that is used. This running line, made of either monofilament or a shooting fly line, is knotted to the factory-spliced loop with a 3½ turn clinch knot. Both lines are good for the running line. The mono shoots a little better but knots more than shooting fly line.

I've found that Maxima line is the best mono for shooting line. It has no memory characteristics, which means that with one pull you can straighten out any coils that have formed in the line. This is important because every time you cast with a shooting taper you must straighten out the running line by pulling it through your hands.

Scientific Anglers makes an excellent shooting fly line in 100 foot coils. An additional advantage with the shooting taper is that you can carry three or four different lines without carrying extra spools for them; the thirty foot shooting taper is kept in a neat little coil, and when the angler wants to change lines he just takes off the original and ties on another line.

Once you have a reel set up for a shooting taper the same reel can be used for lead core. Lead core works on the same principle as a shooting taper. Depending on the sizes of your fly rod, a 20 to 30 foot section of lead core trolling line is attached to the running line. The lead core is your shooting head.

Casting lead core is not for the novice. Fly lines travel at over 100 miles per hour and to be hit by the lead core line at that speed could be very painful, if not dangerous. Lead core is also knotted to mono with a 3½ turn clinch knot. But first, you must make a loop in one end of the lead core by doubling back the line and whip-finishing it.

After the proper taper has been chosen, then the density of the line must be considered. Density refers to the floating-sinking characteristics of the fly line. All fly fishermen should have both floating and sinking lines; no matter where or how an angler fishes he will run into situations which will require the use of both. It is much easier to learn to cast with a floating line, and so most anglers make it their first choice. Eventually, when they find out how important it is, they end up buying the sinking line.

There are a variety of sinking lines; Scientific Anglers makes three different types. Wet Cel 1 is a slow-sinking line which is ideal for nymph or wet fly fishing in a slow moving stream. Wet Cel 2 is a fast-sinking line which works well in high, rolling streams in the

spring. It is also good line for deep lake and river fishing. For very deep fishing the extra-fast-sinking Hi-Density is best. This is the only sinking fly line I use for salt water. When fly fishing in the brine I want a sinking line that drops to the bottom like an anchor. The only other sink-type line I would use in salt water is lead core, for it is by far the fastest sinking line.

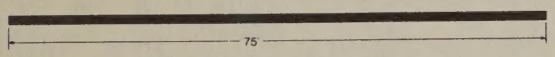
There are other types of lines which can come in handy for special uses. They are the Wet-Tip and the Wet-Head. A Wet-Tip is a floating line with ten feet of sinking tip. The Wet-Head is a floating line with a sinking weight-forward section. Both lines are designed with the wading angler in mind: the Wet-Head is a great line for wading in salt water; the Wet-Tip is a good line for shallow water fishing when the angler wants to get his fly down quickly. It also works well with poppers because it keeps the popper from skipping all over.

In all cases, either in fresh or salt water, a backing should be used to give the angler more line capacity and to build up the spool so fewer turns are required to take in the fly line. Dacron or Micron are the best choices for this job. Both lines have little stretch properties and are thin enough for good line capacity. Micron is the thinner of the two.

If mono is used for heavy fish which make long runs it might split the spool when the line is reeled back on under pressure because of the way it stretches (memory). In the case of shooting tapers, backing is put on first, then the mono or shooting fly line is attched to it.

The spinfisherman uses different weight and style lures to reach different water levels. The fly rodder must employ different lines for the same results. A serious longrodder should have both a sinking and a floating line in the proper tapers to fit his particular need. With both lines he can cover most situations. An extra spool is little bother to carry afield, and it can turn an otherwise fishless day into a memorable one.

Most-common types of Fly Lines



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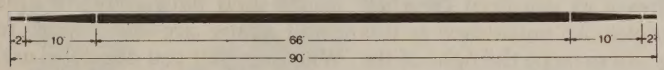

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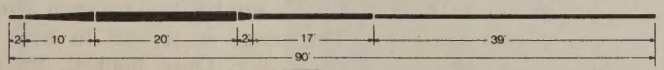

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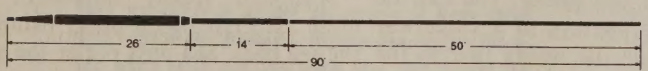

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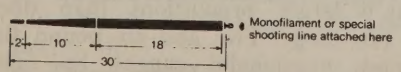

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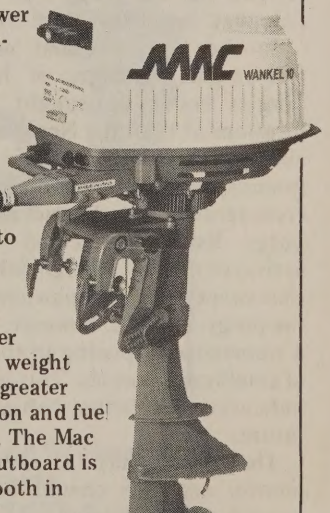

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Bottom Bouncing for Porgies & Sea Bass

by Ron Onorato

The mainstay of the bottom bouncers during the summer, the porgy and sea bass, have shown a resurgence in numbers during the past several years. During the summer months, when most of the party boat fleet is deployed for bluefish, there are several boats that stick to bottom bouncing for the tasty sea bass and porgies. These two species of fish are easy and fun to catch, and at times large numbers of them are taken.

The porgy is a warm water fish that often attains weights in excess of three pounds. He is basically a bottom fish that rarely strays from the bottom. The chief diet of porgies consists of clams, worms, squid, mussels, and various other types of small crustaceans. Any type of bottom that has rocks or mussel beds will usually host the porgy. Seldom will a single fish be caught, for the porgy is a schooling fish that travels in great numbers.

In the late '40s and early '50s, tremendous numbers of humpback porgies could be caught at many locations at both the North and South shores. By the 1960's, the siz e and the quantity of the porgies had diminished considerably. The deterioration of the porgy fishery coincided with the arrival of the vast foreign fishing fleets that swept clean the spawning areas of the porgy. In 1972, however, there was a tremendous upswing in the number of small sand porgies. This leads to an indication for better fishing for the future.

The porgy has a rather small mouth, and this should be kept in mind by the fisherman seeking them. Even the big humpbacks have relatively small mouths. The best type of hook to use for porgy fishing is the claw type or the O'Shaughnessy. These hooks must be very sharp in order to penetrate the hard lining of the porgy's mouth. Sizes 1 and 2 are sufficient for the small "sand porgies," while 1/0 or 2/0 are good for the larger specimens.

A light spinning rod with a matching reel of 15 pound test line or less is as heavy as you need go when seeking porgies. An outfit such as this will enable you to enjoy the fight of the porgy more because you can use a lighter sinker. If you prefer conventional gear, then a light action boat rod with a reel of 20 pound line will be best. An outfit such as this will enable you to handle sinkers up to 4 or 5 ounces in weight, should their use become necessary.

Party boats and small skiffs ply the local reefs and wrecks when the fish start running.

The terminal tackle used for porgies can be kept on the simple side. Tie a loop to the terminal end of the line you will be using and then attach the sinker. If you prefer, you can tie the sinker to one eye of a three-way swivel with the the hooks tied to the second eye, and the line connected to the third eye of the swivel. In any case, keep the sinker close to the hooks.

Many anglers prefer to use 2 or even 3 hooks when porgy fishing. The leader of one hook is tied midway tc the leader of another hook. In this fashion, the hooks are spread apart. When fishing over a wreck or on foul bottom, it is best to use no more than two hooks or you may keep snagging on the bottom.

Although skimmer clam is the most widely used bait, squid, worms, and small crabs are also good to use. Whatever bait you decide to use, keep it on the small side. Just a small piece to cover the hook is all that is needed. Lower the baited rig to the bottom and wait for the quick raps of the porgy. As soon as you feel a bite, lift the rod tip. Do not hesitate for even a second. The porgy is second to none as a baitstealer. Once hooked, the porgy will give quite a bit of resistance for a fish of its size, and on the dinner table there is no finer eating fish than fresh porgy.

Although totally unrelated, but often associated with porgy fishing, is the sea bass. Sea bass prefer the same general feeding areas as the porgy. Any type of rocky bottom, mussel bed, or reef that sustains mussels, crabs, worms and even smaller fish will attract the sea bass, which grows to larger proportions than does the porgy. Five and six pound fish are occasionally caught by fishermen fishing over deep water wrecks, but the smaller pin bass of 1 or 1½ pounds prevail most of the time.

Like the porgy, the sea bass is a schooling type fish that seldom is

caught singly. The sea bass, unlike the porgy, has an exceptionally large mouth. For this reason, when seeking sea bass, you should use fairly large hooks; 4/0 or 5/0 claw type hooks or O'Shaughnessy hooks are the most widely used sizes and patterns.

You can use the same outfit for porgy fishing that you use for sea bass. Since both are primarily warm water fish there are times when you can catch porgies and sea bass at the same time, and the same rigging of hooks can be used for both. The sea bass is not as much of a bait stealer as the porgy, so it is advisable to let the fish munch on the bait for a little while before setting the hook.

You will also be using much larger pieces of bait for the sea bass. A large strip of squid or the insides of a skimmer cut in half are about the right size to use for sea bass. The sea bass is a strong fighter that often resembles a hooked blackfish. Like the porgy, the sea bass is a delectable eating fish.

You can catch either of these fish from the North or South shores of Long Island. Party boats sail from Sheepshead Bay, Freeport, and Captree in quest of each of these bottom fish. They fish the myriad mussel beds and wrecks that lie in the shallow waters off Long Island. The artificial fishing reefs off Rockaway and Fire Island are other outstanding areas to try fishing. Each year a few humpback porgies are caught from the Tin Can Grounds and near the Rockaway Jetty.

On the North shore, you can fish from either party boats or you can rent a skiff from one of the many livery stations that dot the North shore. Some of the favored areas for porgy fishing include Matinecock Point, Centre Island Reef, Cold Spring Harbor, Eaton's Neck and Port Jefferson. Though most of these areas produce porgies, every now and again sea bass move into the Sound. This was the case last season as many small sea bass were caught along with the porgies. If you like to travel, then Montauk Point is the place to fish for big porgies and sea bass. Peconic Bay also produces outsize porgies. However, wherever you may go, you will agree that these fish are the bottom bouncer's delight.

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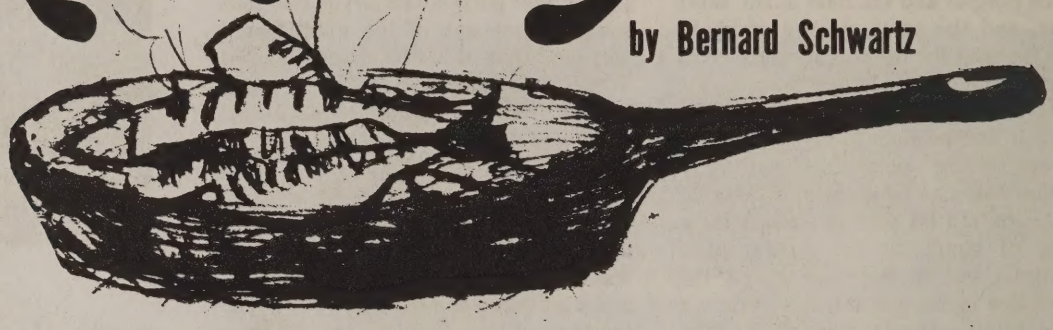
Cooking Mackerel Good

by Bernard Schwartz



I'm sure this article should have been written long before now. The mackerel season is probably over and fishing for them has most-likely died down. Everybody should have had their fill of broiled, fried, smoked, pickled and raw mackerel. Fact is, lots of people I know don't, and won't, even bother eating mackerel, mainly because of their so-called oily taste. Well, there is a way out of that dilemma. Being what might be called a half-baked fish gourmet, and considering myself one of the best fish chefs of the century (nobody else does), I have decided to sweeten your lives with my favorite method of cooking mackerel that are fit to eat. They will be fit to eat if you read about "keeping fish good" in a previous issue.

This is really one of the simplest methods of cooking fish I know, and certainly one of the tastiest. Enough of the superlatives and on with the methods.

First of all, you have to clean your fish. Now, mackerel are one of the easiest fish to clean. There are scales on the fish (making them Kosher for our Jewish friends), but it is totally unnecessary for you to scale them. In fact the scales come off so quickly that by the time you get them home they are all over your fishing gear, clothes, hands, tackle box, car and definitely your boat. The scales are very small, and with a little running water the few that remain on the fish are washed off easily.

If you want to cook the whole fish all you have to do to finish the cleaning job is to cut the head off, slit the belly open and take out the roe and intestines. Save the roe, if you like, and add it to the sauce with the rest of the fish.

Inside the body cavity, along the backbone, you will find a hardish mass of congealed blood. Run your knife along this two or three times to cut the thin skin holding the blood and then wash the cavity under a strong stream of water. The blood clot will wash out rather easily. Cut the tail section off about an inch back from its narrowest part. This will save space in your pan and also give you meatier parts to eat.

Now to the meat of this article (ha ha). Commence cooking detail with a large frying pan with cover, six or eight mackerel (according to size), a batch of garlic, salt and pepper, some good cooking oil, a quart of marinara sauce, and perhaps, if you like, a little oregano, parsley or other favorite spice. This is not a critical recipe, as you can tell from the ingredients.

Heat about three or four ounces of oil in your big frying pan and in it place as much crushed or chopped garlic as you can stand, or as much as you like; I usually use four or five cloves of garlic. Nobody ever tells you what size those cloves are; some are large, some small, some medium: you never know. Anyway—four or five medium cloves of garlic, crushed or chopped, are now frying gently in your pan.

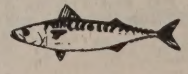
When the edges start to brown add the quart of marinara sauce. Again - nobody wants to stick their neck out and tell you what kind of marinara sauce to use. Well, here goes my neck because my wife and I have decided that the Ragu Sauce is about the best for what we do with it (?).

While this is getting nice and hot I am generally adding the other spices (salt, pepper, oregano, etc.) to suit my taste. I don't really use too much of them and I don't advise you to, either. After the first time you make this dish, you can use a heavier or lighter hand with them, as you desire, on the second round.

Now place the mackerel gently into the pan. Gently, because who likes hot marinara sauce splashed up into their face? Spoon the sauce around and over the fish and see to it that the fish is almost covered with the sauce. After this routine there is nothing left to do except to place the cover on the pan and wait for the fish to cook. This doesn't take too long, about twenty or thirty minutes. Meanwhile you could be cooking spaghetti to spoon the sauce over, or cutting a nice tossed salad to go with your fish. Steamed broccoli with butter sauce, or fresh string beans with almonds and butter, hot Italian bread and a good Chablis or Sauterne - served well-chilled - makes a gourmet's tongue hang out.

Best of all, serve cold the next day as an appetizer on a bed of kettuce, with raw onions chopped and sprinkled over it. That's my favorite way. I don't get kissed much that night but there are other compensations.

Yours for good health and good eating.



SHARKS

AND SOME OF THEIR TRADEMARKS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE GREAT WHITE SHARK OR "*MANEATER*" IS TYPICAL. SHARKS HAVE NO TRUE BONES, THEIR SKELETONS ARE MADE ENTIRELY OF CARTILAGE. HARD BONY NODULES MAKE THE SKIN FEEL LIKE SAND-PAPER.

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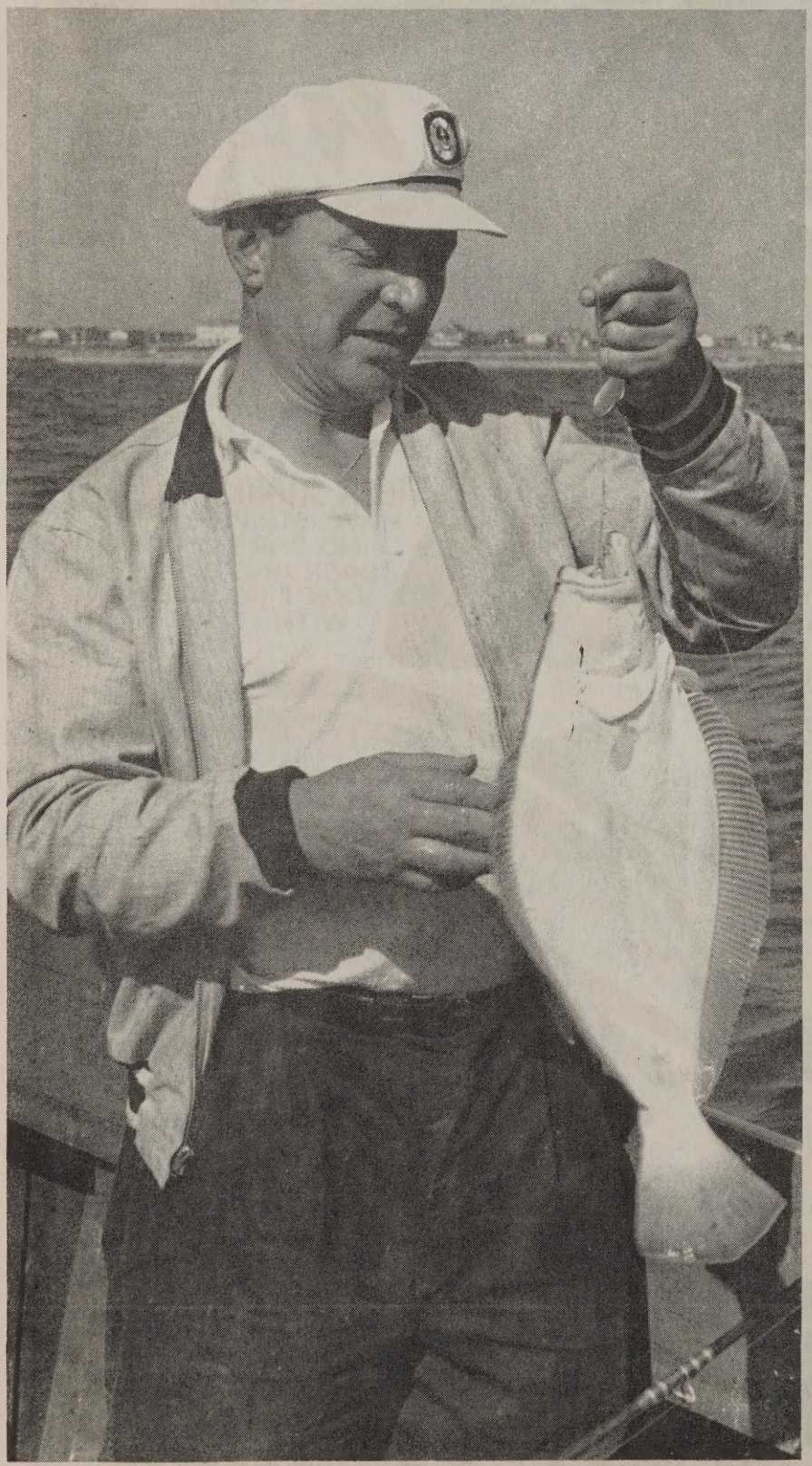
HOW TO FOOL A FLUKE



Fluke are not only fun to catch, but also make great eating when filleted and fried or broiled.

by Vlad Evanoff

It was July and we had gone out in my friend Jack's boat to try for stripers and blues off Rockaway and Rockaway Point. We got there around daybreak and although we trolled and cast for an hour or so we failed to get any fish. They just didn't show at all, and none of the other boats caught any either.

We didn't want to waste the rest of the day so we decided to try for other fish. "Let's try for some fluke — they've been running well lately and we should be able to catch some drifting along the edge of Ambrose Channel," I said to Jack.

"Great idea, but we have no bait! How do you catch fluke without any bait?" he asked.

"Have patience, pal," I said, "we'll get some bait pretty soon!"

I grabbed my light, one-handed spinning outfit and attached a yellow bucktail jig to the end of the line. Then I said to Jack, "Let's head for the Tin Can Grounds." Jack ran the boat to this popular fishing spot off Rockaway Point, then cut off the motor and let the boat drift. I lowered the jig to the bottom and started to work it up and down. It wasn't long before the rod bent into a sharp arc; I could feel something fighting on the end of the line. After a short but spirited battle I brought a medium sized porgy to the surface and lifted it into the boat.

"There's your bait!" I said to Jack. We jigged a little longer and caught a few more porgies, then we headed for the edge of Ambrose Channel. On the way there I filleted one of the porgies and cut the fillets into long, narrow strips. When we reached our fishing location we hauled out the heavier fluke rods and rigs and baited with the strips of porgy.

I lowered the rig and the sinker bounced along the bottom. Then I felt a few sharp nibbles: I dropped back some line, then reeled in the slack and sharply raised the rod. I could feel a fish fighting on the end of the line and

soon brought it in. It was a fluke of about two pounds. I cut fillets from the white belly and back and used these strips for bait. We kept drifting and fishing the rest of the afternoon and wound up with about two dozen fluke.

That's one way to fool fluke; there are many other methods which will result in more fish in the boat if you become familiar with the various tricks and techniques.

First, there's the selection of tackle, rigs and baits. You can use a light, salt water bay or boat rod for most fluke fishing in bays, inlets and the shallow water off the beaches, especially when the smaller fluke are running.

The regular fluke rig consists of a long-shank "fluke," or Carlisle type, hook in size No. 4/0 or 5/0 tied on a three-foot leader a few inches above the sinker. Some anglers like to use a "fluke" spinner above the hook, since they feel that the revolving blades attract more fish. But such spinners are easily lost when the rig fouls on the bottom, so many anglers use them only when drifting over clear sand.

Anglers fishing in bays or other protected waters often use a live killie for bait. First you add a strip of squid to the hook, then the killie. If you can't get live killies you can try the squid and dead spearing, sand eels or shiners for bait. You can also use strips cut from dogfish, skates, sea robins and many other fish.

Where do you fish for fluke? Near New York City, as mentioned earlier, you can try in June and July off the Rockaways, Coney Island, Sandy Hook and the edges of Ambrose Channel. Farther out on Long Island you can try Reynolds Channel, both sides of Long Beach, Jones Beach and Fire Island Inlet. Other good spots are Great South Bay, Moriches Bay, Shinnecock Bay, Peconic Bay and Gardiner's Bay. Nowadays you'll usually see a fleet of boats working the best spots, and you can join them.

Fluking is best when there's a wind or a tide which moves the boat along at a fair clip. Too much wind or too fast a tide can be as bad as no wind. I remember one morning, when drifting off New Jersey, when the wind was so strong we had to let out the anchor on a short line so it dragged on the bottom enough to slow down the movement of the boat.

When there is no wind, or the tide is weak or slack, you can try slow trolling so that the rig drags along the bottom. Fluke like a moving bait and rarely hit one which is lying still.

You can also catch fluke at anchor if the tide is strong enough to allow you to "walk" the sinker and rig along the bottom and give it some movement this way. Pier and bridge anglers give their baits action by casting out as far as they can, then when the sinker hits bottom they raise their rod tips, then drop them back, at the same time reeling in so that the bait moves slowly toward them along the bottom. In fact, fluke have been known to hit artificial lures such as metal squids, spoons, plugs and jigs at times when worked slowly close to the bottom.

The secret in drifting successfully for fluke is to make sure your sinker is always on the bottom. You may have to let out more line every so often to achieve this, or you may have to change to a heavier sinker as the wind increases or the tide gets stronger.

You'll feel your sinker bouncing along the bottom and you'll often mistake this for fluke bites. If you do think a fluke is after your bait, lower your rod quickly and even let out some slack line; this gives the fluke a chance to swallow the bait, otherwise they'll bite off the end of the bait and you'll miss the fish.

Catching the smaller fluke is fairly easy, especially when they are thick along the bottom. But catching a big "doormat" is another matter, and here you have to specialize in this fishing and deliberately go after the big fluke. This calls for somewhat heavier rods, stronger lines and bigger hooks. Here you should use the long-shanked hooks in sizes No. 6/0, and it's a good idea to have another smaller hook tied near the eye of the bigger one to hold the bait evenly and more securely. You can buy such "double" hooks in many fishing tackle stores.

You also need bigger baits if you want to catch doormats. Try to get some smelt, small mackerel, or other baitfish or small fish up to 7 or 8 inches long. After you catch your first fluke cut it up for bait, making strips 6 or 7 inches long from the belly or back of the fish. These should be cut in a pennant shape, tapering to a point.

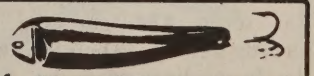
You may catch an occasional big fluke in the same spots as the smaller ones, but as a rule they prefer somewhat deeper water, deeper channels, holes and broken bottom. Inlets are good spots for them and the rocky bottom along the New Jersey coast at Seabright, Long Branch, Elberon and Deal has produced many doormats in the past.

When fishing such rocky bottoms it's a good idea to tie your sinker on a somewhat weaker line than the main fishing line. Then when you get hung up you'll lose only the sinker instead of the entire rig. And you have to be alert all the time when drifting over such rocky spots; when you feel your sinker hit a rock, lift it quickly off the bottom until you clear the obstruction, then let it drop back again. Even so, you'll get hung up often and lose a lot of rigs in such areas. When fishing them it's a good idea to make up at least a half dozen fluke rigs in advance. Then you can quickly put on a new one if you lose a rig on the bottom.

But big or small, fluke or summer flounders make fine eating. If you have a good day, fillet the bigger ones and freeze them; you'll have prime eating for days to come.

DEMON'S TIP OF THE WEEK

By Harold Jenkins – Foreman



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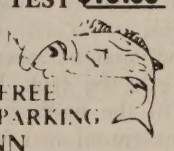

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Viking Star Adventure

by Tom Kelly Sr.

Two anglers in the stern display a pair of codfish just gaffed by the mate.

Up in the bow Milton Sodoff of Elizabeth, N.J. jigged a total of 26 pollack using a 16 oz. jig. He filleted all his fish before reaching the dock.

Some of the 50 anglers aboard had bunks. Others used the recliner seats.

Some ten hours sailing time out of Montauk Point, Captain Paul Forsberg located the virgin wreck which was his goal for this special trip made on Monday, May 14. He had fifty eager anglers aboard the big Viking Star, all hungry for cod and pollack. I was in the wheelhouse watching the fish-finder chart when contact was first made. My eyes popped when I saw the fantastic mound of fish on the wreck. Obviously, it would be cod at the base with pollack piled atop them like cordwood stacked to within fifty feet of the surface. Now the long ten-hour ride was due to pay off.

The skipper dropped a couple of marker buoys, then ran upwind a way to drop the anchor. Breakfast had already been taken care of, so when the boat dropped back eager anglers ready for action, lined the rail. Most of them had regular cod rigs with sixteen or more ounces of sinker weight. It was seven AM, and the sun was already well up. When the skipper hit the horn, lines were let down and silence, like a mantle, settled over the boat. It stayed that way for but a few moments.

Up toward the bow a couple of fellows had elected to use sixteen ounce diamond jigs to fish for pollack. The pollack snatched those jigs like it was bargain basement day. Every jig was soon tied fast to a fish, and the way rods humped their backs proved the fish were in the heavyweight class. Cries of "Gaff! Gaff!" were heard from anxious fishermen with their toes dug in the deck. From that moment, until the anchor came up at noon, pandemonium reigned.

I stayed topside with my cameras and shot film-enough to make Mister Kodak drool. I leaped around like a kid at a picnic; I never had to wait for action for it was always there, no matter what part of the boat I happened to be looking at. The irony of this situation was that I had been forced to travel from my home in Orange, New Jersey, alone. My usual fishing pals, Bob and Steve, and my son Dave had all elected to pass up this trip. I could visualize a few guys who would have reason to kick each other and weep bitter tears in their beer.

By ten o'clock, after shooting many rolls of film, my trigger finger gave out. After all, much as I love to take pictures of people catching fish, I am first of all a fisherman! I itched to take a fling at those pollack. After searching my tackle box the heaviest jig I could find weighed only four ounces, and when I asked the mate to help me, he said, "Sorry, we're all sold out." I tried every way I could think of to use a jig with enough added weight to take it down but nothing seemed to work, and the jig kept fouling my line. I took an oath, then and there, never to get caught with my pants down again. Remember, take sixteen ounce jigs if you decide to make a long trip to fish over a wreck.

I finally put on a cod rig and dropped it to the bottom for cod. It didn't take long to get a few, which was sufficient for home use. Then I went back to shooting pictures.

On a trip of this sort two things are especially important. The first of these is a well-insulated box containing ice. While modern boats do have ice machines, they simply could not supply enough ice for all if everyone had uninsulated tubs. And fish laying in water, even ice water, soon becomes soggy and tasteless.

The second tip is to bring along plastic food-storage bags. Then, soon as possible, fillet your fish and put the fillets in these bags. These can then be put in your insulated box and covered with ice; they will last a long time: the bags should be tied tightly so meltwater doesn't get in. For long trips home, it is best to use double bags.

Even in uninsulated tubs, this method saves the fish so long as they are kept cold. I hate to see a fish thrown overboard because it has spoiled. First, because it is a sin against Nature, but also in these days of high food costs it is just so much hard-earned money thrown away. Party boat trips are supposed to be fun, but it is no fun if fish are permitted to spoil.

At this moment, party boat fishing is going through a process of change. Because many inshore fishing grounds are being depleted by pollution and overfishing, they no longer produce well. To keep customers happy, skippers are forced to seek farther offshore; most of the older party boats are not able to meet safety requirements for this. The skippers meet this challenge by going in debt for new and better boats. The wise angler will recognize that it is time for him to modernize some of his thinking. Old habits, which were good enough for the old days, are simply not good enough for new conditions. The

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Anatomy of a Fish

Many fishermen have little knowledge concerning the anatomy of the fish they catch. What are the correct names of each part, and what do they do? Knowing this is an important aid to the angler when he attempts to identify the various species of fish he may catch. The diagram below labels the major parts of a fish, with a description of what each part is in the left column.

ANAL FIN—A median fin located on the lower side of the body behind the vent. Used to steady the fish's course.

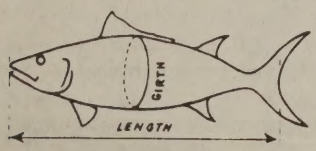
BARBEL—An elongated, thread-like projection on the chin of certain fish such as the Atlantic Cod.

CAUDAL FIN—Commonly called the *tail*, the caudal fin helps to propel and steer the fish through water.

DORSAL FIN—These fins are extensions of the skin stretched between stiff supporting rods, called fin rays, that run along the back of a fish. Used to steady a fish's course. See *Posterior Dorsal Fin.*

GILL COVER—Serves to cover the *gills*, the respiration organs of fish.

GIRTH—The circumference of a fish's body at its thickest point of the body with the dorsal fin folded. See diagram below.



LENGTH—Distance from the tip of the snout to the middle of the fork in the tail. See diagram above.

LATERAL LINE—A distinct line running down the mid-body of many species of fish. Used to pick up low frequency vibrations under water.

PEDUNCLE—Small area connecting the body to the caudal fin.

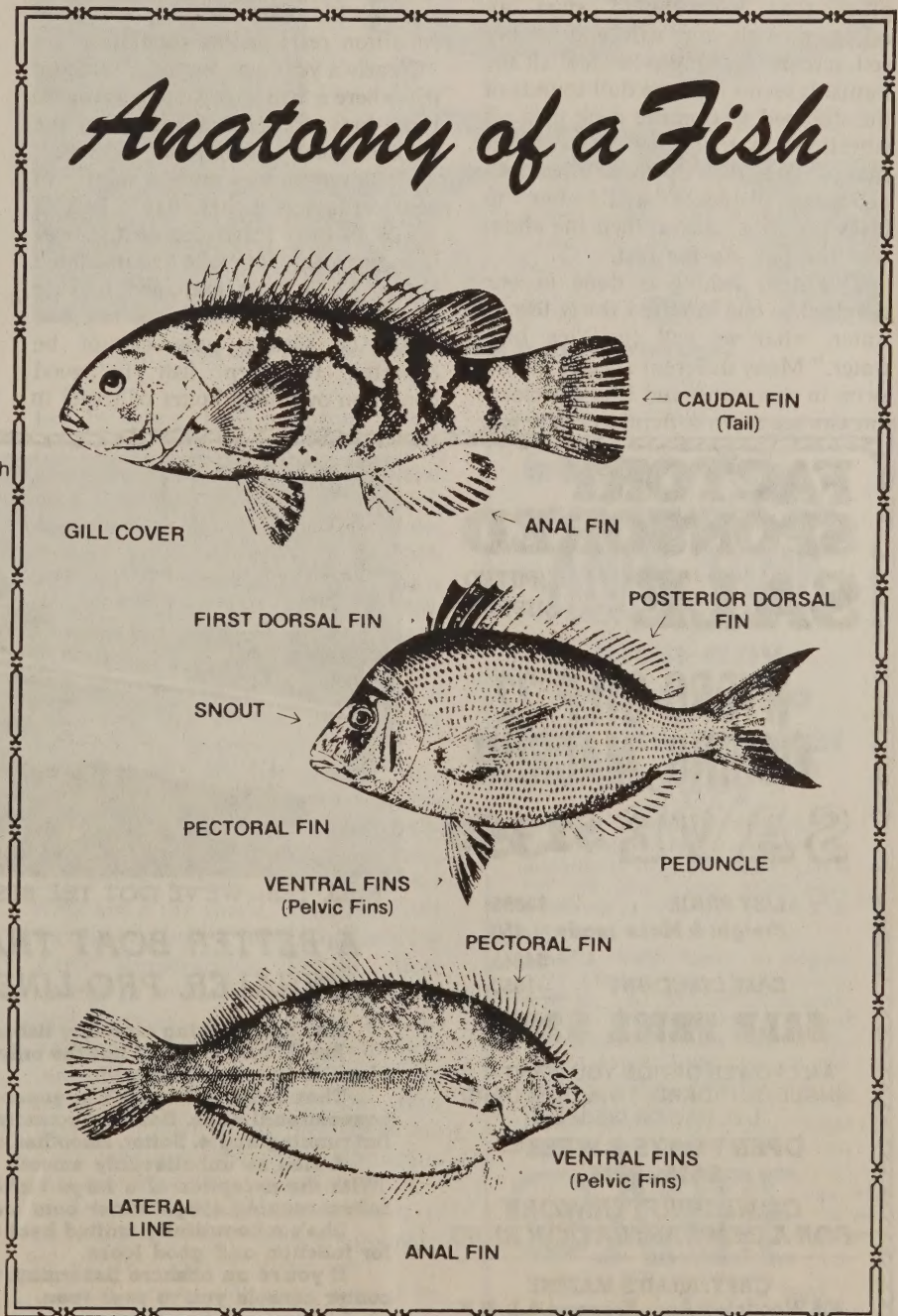
POSTERIOR DORSAL FIN—A second dorsal fin that is usually soft and flexible. May be a separate fin, or part of the first dorsal.

SCALES—Small, overlapping plates that act as a protective coating for the fish's body.

SNOUT—The equivalent of a nose for a fish.

VENT—The anus, located in the lower-rear portion of the body.

VENTRAL FIN—Also known as *Pelvic Fins.* Paired fins located at the mid-line of the body below the pectoral fins. Used to balance, steer and brake.



MONSTER FISHING

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looking at the catch and estimating the poundage and type, and searching for any other tags, they cut the wire leader and let it go, making sure their tag is in before the release.

Now that you have completely read up on 'How To Monster Fish," one more tip. This type of fishing does not require silence when fishing. Here is where you can be as noisy as possible, the more noise and confusion created on the water the better. Slam an empty bucket into the water and cause hollow sounds. Hit the top of a garbage pail with the chum ladle on the surface of the water. This is one place that you should start an argument with your wife and let her yell, scream and stamp her feet all she wants. It seems that the dull sounds of the stamped feet on the deck give off vibrations in the water that attract sharks. They pick up these vibrations at great distances and come to investigate the causes, then the chum and the bait do the rest.

This drift fishing is done in one hundred to one hundred thirty feet of water, what we call the "ice blue water." Many different species of fish swim in this water and it is gin clear: one can see down to depths of fifty feet or more. This is the Gulf Stream, and it is the location that should be looked for and fished. The ocean is vast and patience is needed at first, but these monsters of the deep are there. If you see a fin on the surface and it belongs to a good sized shark fish for him, but if one comes up alongside the boat and he is as long as the boat, grins at you with his big pearly teeth, blinks his eyes, feed him a few unhooked mackerel or bunker and take off, 'cause he is fishing for you!

VIKING STAR ADVENTURE

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angler must accept his share of the challenge. He should learn that at least part of the responsibility for getting his catch home in good condition rests on his shoulders.

Nearly a year ago, on a far offshore trip where a fantastic catch was made, I saw tons of codfish thrown over the stern because it could not be saved, and the reason was more a matter of poor containers rather than a lack of ice. With forty fishermen on the boat there were only four who had insulated boxes. These men managed to save their catch. Bags tied to the rail and metal or plastic tubs cannot be expected to keep fish in good condition over long hours of travel in warm weather.

Not only is it a problem to keep fish in good condition until the boat docks, but after that there is still the matter of travel on hot highways to reach home. A good insulated box with a hose leading to a hole drilled in the floor of the trunk will keep the fish cold and dry and not contaminate the family car. If the fish are whole, nothing more is needed. But if the fish have been filleted or beheaded they should be put in plastic bags.

If a metal tub which has no drain hole is used, even whole fish should be put in strong plastic bags so they can be covered with ice, yet not be contaminated by meltwater. Even ice water is bad for two reasons. First, any water makes the fish soggy, second because sometimes the ice is made from chlorinated water which may ruin the flavor through chemical contamination.

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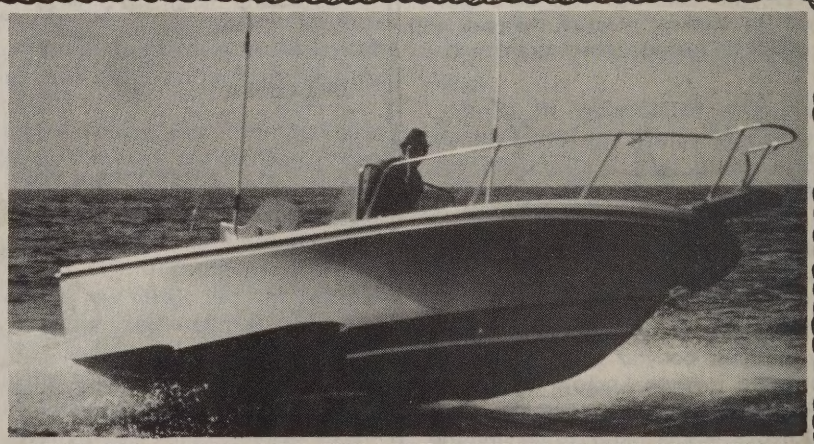

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TRICKLE TROUT

by Don Vetter

Those lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us, and the attentions of the Island's fresh water men have turned, in the main, to bass and panfish. The larger streams may still produce a trout or two for those so inclined, and the lakes of sufficient depth to provide a cooler strata of water (the thermocline) are in good enough shape for some deep trout fishing. But what of those small, shallow ponds?

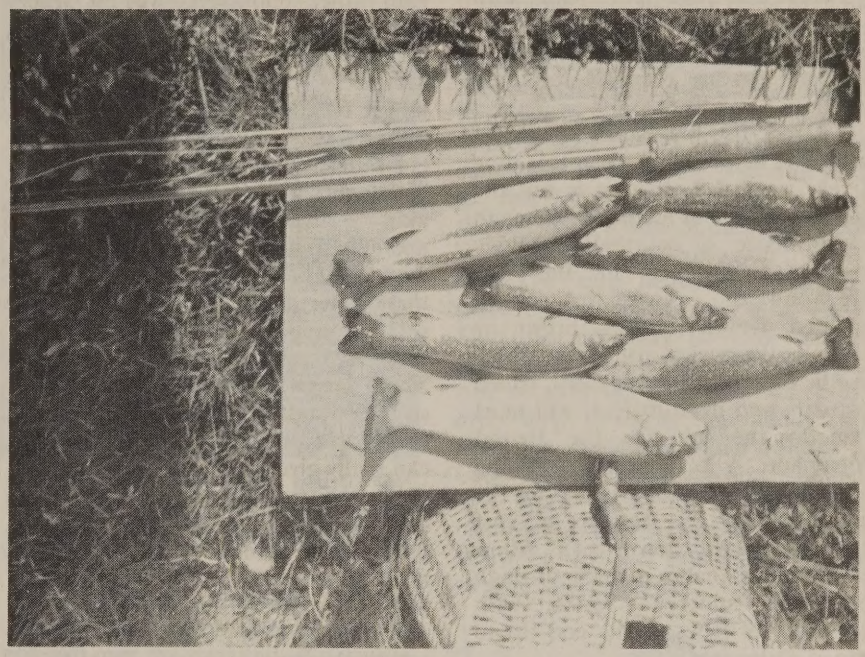
These ponds, which received substantial stockings of brook trout in the spring and provided good action back in April and May, present a quite different aspect from the cool, relatively clear waters of a month or so ago. Picture, if you will, a die-hard trout-nut who returns to his favorite trout pond in the warm months. His first glance is rewarded with the unedifying spectacle of a weed-choked body of water more reminiscent of a marshy bog than of a trout water. Should he dip a finger in the pond he is liable to find the water as warm as tepid soup.

Should these disappointments prove insufficient to dissuade our hypothetical angler, a cast or two will finish the job. Fly and leader or lure and line (not to mention live bait, if that's what he is employing) are soon coated in gooey, green slime, enough to send the most dedicated trout fisherman to the nearest bass water, or to the salt chuck. The question which most naturally arises in one's mind is what became of all those lovely little brookies which the Conservation Department reared with such loving care (and license-holders' money) to stock these ponds for our angling pleasure? Surely they have not all fallen victim to the spring fishermen's hooks, or succumbed to the rising water temperature of their somewhat unsuitable habitat. Could it be there is a concentration of trout somewhere beneath that pestiferous weed growth? Possible, but hardly likely, as brook trout prefer water in the 65 to 70 degree range and cannot tolerate temperatures that approach 80 degrees or more. Since these ponds are not deep enough to stratify, and water temperature is pretty much the same from top to bottom, whence goeth the trout?

With the exception of those lakes fed by some hidden spring, every pond on the Island has two features in common; a feeder or inlet stream, and an outlet: these are the places to look for summer trout. Of the two it is the feeder, rather than the outlet, which will most often harbor the fish. This is due to the fact that the outlet flow consists of water which has been warmed by its passage through the pond, particularly if it passes over a dam and receives thereby the very warmest, top-layer water.

These feeder streams may be quite respectable in size, but most often they are mere jump-across trickles, bubbling merrily through dense thickets at the pond's head; all the better for trout since the shade, combined with the moving water, assists in lowering water temperatures. Fishing these trickles is no easy matter; they often flow through soft, boggy ground amidst a growth of seemingly impenetrable brush. Combine these factors with the fact that the trout have been fending for themselves for some time now, and are by no means the dummies they were in April - straight from the hatchery, and it is easy to see that your skills are going to be put to a rather severe test.

Since a trout will rarely take if he sees you before he sees your bait, you



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can't just crash your way through that underbrush like an enraged wild boar. Stealth in approach is the key to success here. In deference to the trout's newly acquired wariness, long, fine tippet leaders are in order for the fly-caster, and ultra-light tackle, with two or three pound test mono, for the spin fisherman. The smallest of flies, baits or lures are required for these situations.

It is rare for any significant insect hatches to be taking place at this time of year, so dry fly fishing is not the most productive of methods, although the tiny (size 20 or smaller) Midge dries may produce in the late afternoon or evening. A small weighted nymph in gray, brown or black (let the purists argue over which specific pattern produces best), fished upstream and dead-drifted, will most often to the job for the fly-rod afficionado. A 1/16 ounce wobbling spoon or spinner is the best bet for the spin fisherman. It should be cast across and slightly downstream. Allow the current to carry it deep through holes and undercut banks, with occasional twitches of the eod tip to keep it fluttering.

Trout often like to hide out in the damnest places in these trickles; unapproachable holes, behind snags, undercut banks, etc., and fishing a natural bait is sometimes the only way to take them. A small garden worm (the big nightcrawlers are a "no-no" for this sort of work), or piece thereof, or a tiny killie may be just the ticket. When the hole you desire to fish is unreachable by a conventional cast you might try drifting the bait down with the current on a leaf or chip, then twitching it off when it reaches the spot you wish to fish. The lightest wire hooks you can lay your hands on, in the #8 to #6 size range, are the ones to use. The turned down eye hooks, used in fly-tying, are just about ideal.

Although the size of the trout you are likely to encounter in these trickles runs rather small (just a wee bit larger than they averaged in April, now that they have had a few months extra growth to their credit), they can no longer be considered "hatchery" fish in the common sense of the term; coloration and fighting ability, together with wariness, make them more akin to the "wild" trout you find upstate. While a ten inch brookie might well be considered a nice fish in these waters, don't be surprised if you should happen to run into an old veteran from many seasons past. These larger holdover fish are quite scarce, but they also appreciate the cool water of the inlet streams, and can really give your light tackle a test.

For the trout fisherman who is not content to await the fall of the year to pursue his favorite quarry, trickle trout fishing offers an interesting and often productive alternative, with many fringe benefits. For one thing, trout fishermen are more scarce than trout at this time of year (a complete reversal of the early season situation), and fishing these tiny streams gives one a chance to commune with nature in peace and solitude. The calls of warbler and thrush are clearly heard in the still air, the sun's golden rays are filtered through the green canopy above, dappling the rushing brook in a panoply of light and shadow. A small turtle, sunning himself on a broken branch, slides quietly into the water. Wait a minute - those rings on the water - a trout rising?

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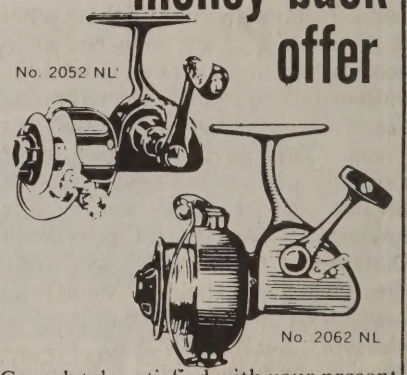

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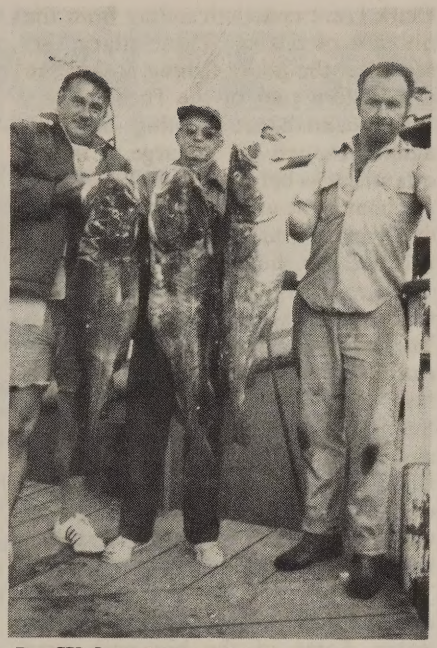
South Shore Report

MONTAUK

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the Viking Star reported he has had a full boat every day this week. The Captain says that he will be fishing Cox's Ledge most of the summer and his special wrecks when necessary. The fishermen on the Viking Star have all been catching fish, with several up to and past fifty pounds.

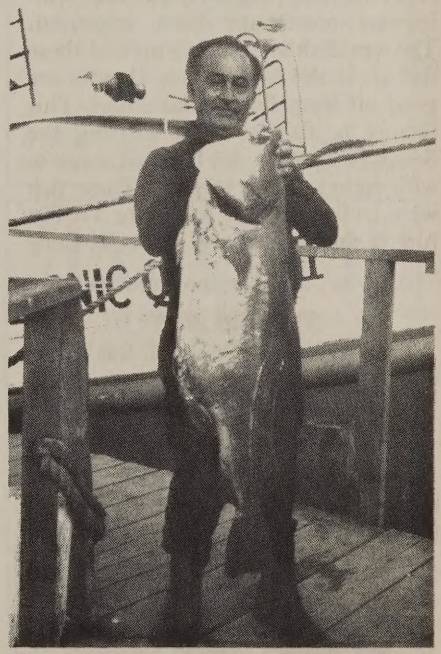
The Helen II and the Hel-Cat both report loads and loads of fish. There seems to be an abundance of cod, pollack and hake. On Saturday the Helen II had the 1400 Rod & Gun Club of Staten Island, N.Y. aboard, and plenty of fish came over the rail. The following day, Sunday (another hot, scorching day, said George), he had the Kapplers Rod & Gun Club of Patchogue, N.Y. aboard, and they also got arm weary from the fishing. A couple of mates from the Sheepshead Bay fleet came aboard the Hel-Cat for two days and caught enough fish to sell and pay for their stay at Montauk.



Joe Wabnoski caught ten cod to 48½ lbs., and Leroy Chichester caught eleven cod to 48 lbs. aboard the Peconic Queen II.

Capt. Whitey Bateman of the charter boat Four Queens chased bluefish over the weekend. Blues were taken by trolling tubes and umbrella rigs. The bluefish were in the 6-8 lb. class. Bass fishing was disappointing. It seems that the blues were hitting the lures before the bass could.

Capt. Les Behan had a fantastic story to tell. We all dream about winning a cod pool, and for some of us it becomes a reality. For Dave Malane of the Bronx, N.Y. it came true three times plus. Dave came out on a Tuesday and went codfishing aboard the Peconic Queen II. That day he won the pool for $240. Wednesday he came back and won the pool with a 50 lb. fish for $260. Just like a crap shooter with a run of luck he came back Thursday and won again for over $240. On Friday he lucked out of first place by a ¼ oz. It was still worth $110. On Saturday he took second prize for $30. or so. After this fantastic run he split the pool with the crew every day. It seems that about two years ago one of Les Behan's mates, a Capt. Howie Aronowitz now, showed this man how to improve his technique, and therefore he wanted to share his luck. Les says that this man was no sharpshooter.



George Sambolin poses with a 68½ lb. cod caught aboard the Peconic Queen II. This was the largest of seven fish caught.

PROMISED LAND

Mrs. Brand of the Promised Land Fishing Station reported that the porgies made a good showing, with some going to 2 lbs. Most were over 1 lb. There are scattered fluke available going to 7 lbs. The bluefish came into the bay to the delight of everyone.

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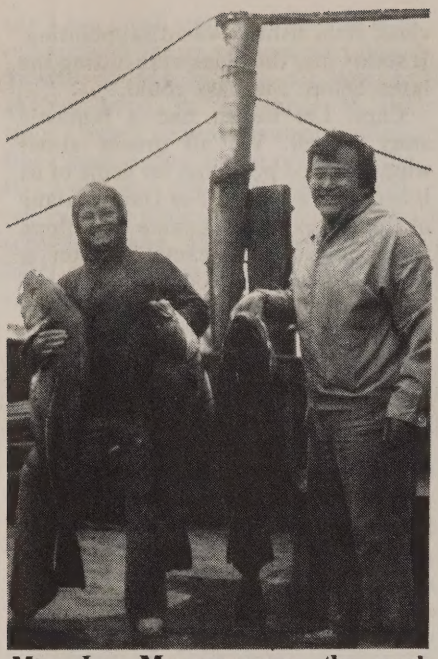


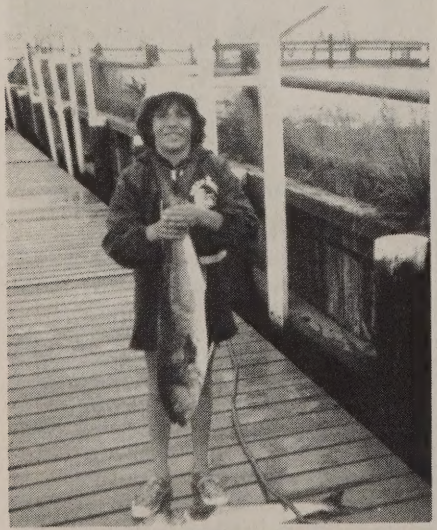
Mrs. Lee Mancuso won the pool aboard the Hel-Cat with a 45 lb. cod. Standing next to her is the runner-up, Howard Kastin.

reported that weatherwise and fishingwise conditions have improved. The weakfish are picking up and these fish are in the 3-4 lb. class. Porgies are good off Buoy 6 at Cedar Point. This fishing is also good by drifting the South Ferry area. Art had just come in with eight schoolie stripers. These fish were trolled on a ¾ oz. white Tri-Fin lure in the South Ferry at about Buoy 5.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows of the Capt. Clark II and his son's boat, Capt. Clark I, are now both sailing from the Shinnecock Canal. Capt. Clark, Sr. says that the porgy fishing is great in the western part of the Peconic Bay. The weakfish are coming back in again although not as large or in the quantities as before. About 20 or more per boat is the average. If the weakfish can't satisfy you, perhaps the kingfish will because they are coming in also.

There is very good fishing available, reported Mickey of Altenkirch & Son Tackle. A half dozen marlin were caught over the weekend. Bill Honrath had one on both on Saturday and Sunday but failed to boat them. Some swordfish were raised but not caught. Blues of 5-10 lbs. were caught. Some of these blues went to an estimated weight of 18 lbs. These blues were seen in the boat but were not weighed in. They are being caught 3 miles or more offshore on anything you throw in the water. Some of the big ones were caught on skip bait meant for other fish.

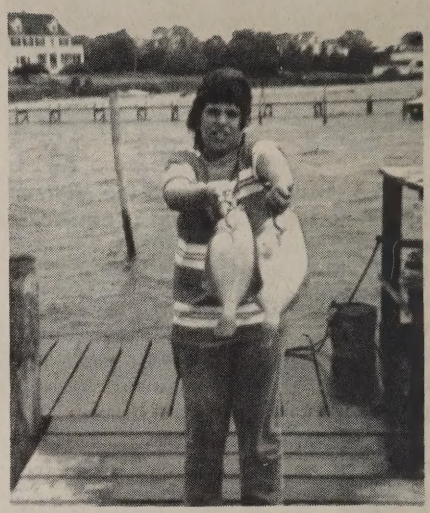


Eleven year old Robert Pollina poses with an 18 lb. bluefish caught while fishing eight miles south of the Shinnecock Canal.

HAMPTON BAYS

Three Aces Fishing Center reported that the boat Brooker won the L.I. Swordfish Tournament with a 236 pounder.

Bradley's Fishing Station reported



Richard Ricci with a pair of Shinnecock Bay flounders.

there is good fluking at the inlet. These fish range from throwbacks to 10 and 11 lb. fish. They are being caught on spearing and sand eels. The Conservation Dept. is living up to its name and doing all good fishermen a favor by *rigidly* enforcing the minimum fluke size of 14", measured from the fork of the tail to the tip of the nose. In other words, if you have to measure them they are too small. If

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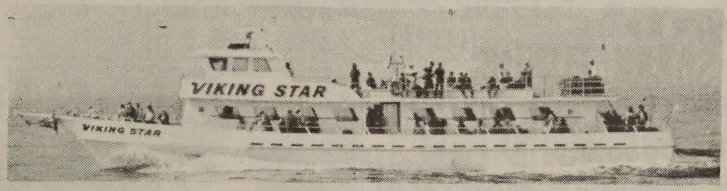

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this is the case you should enjoy the catching of them, however, you should let them go for later this summer. Blues are in 90 ft. of water, and they are taking all lures, but especially white bucktails. Ernie's son caught a 150 lb. dusky, his first, on a brand new rod and reel which he got for his birthday.

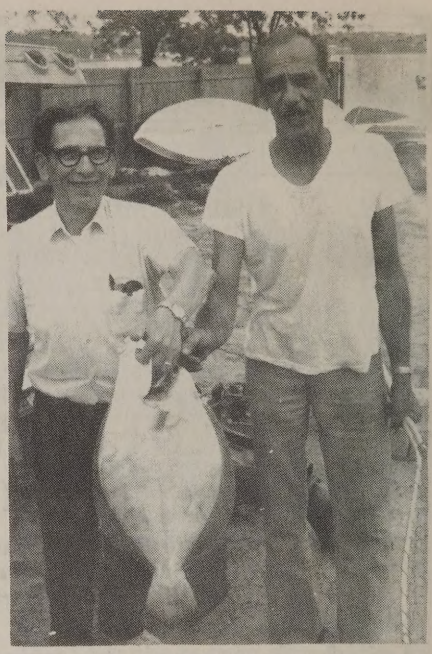
MORICHES

Frank Savino of the Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station says the flounders are still holding on southwest of Buoys 29 & 32. Fluke are coming in on an average of 6 to 10 per boat. The N.Y.S. Conservation Dept. handed out a lot of summonses for fluke under 14 inches. They are now out on the water, also checking catches.

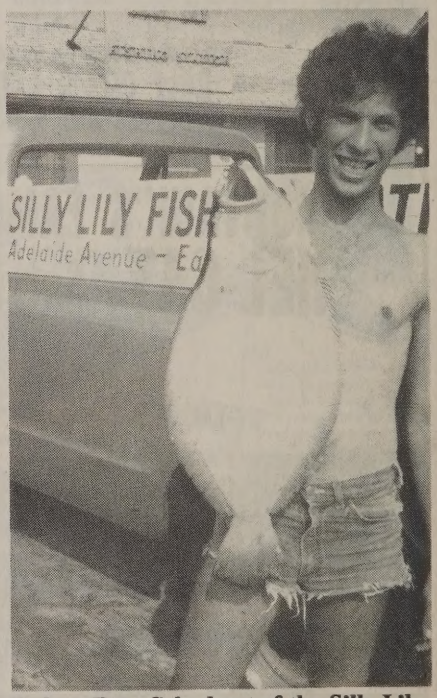
The Hi Way Fishing Station reported that on Saturday the fishing was very good, however, it declined on Sunday. On MOnday, boats came in with six to ten fluke per boat, with some fish going over 8 lbs. The fluke are taking sand eels, squid and spearing.

MASTIC BEACH

Mark, who runs the fish store at Keenan's Fishing Station, reported good fluke fishing between Buoys 21 and 25. There are lots of shorts but there are enough keepers so that these shorts can be returned. Joe Fazio of



Sam Stertzer and Tony Maggio caught fluke between the inlet and the Coast Guard Station using squid and sand eels. Above they pose with a 6 lb. 2 oz. fluke. Photo by Bradley's Fishing Station.



Robert Berg fished out of the Silly Lily Fishing Station and caught fluke to 8¼ lbs. on killies and squid at Buoy 38.

Mastic Beach caught a 15 lb. fluke in that area. Some bass have been taken in this same area and also at Buoy 17 on plugs. Blues of 2-3 lbs. are being taken at the Smith Point Bridge. Crabs are running well and they are of good size.

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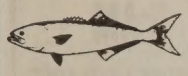

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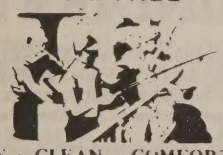

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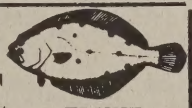

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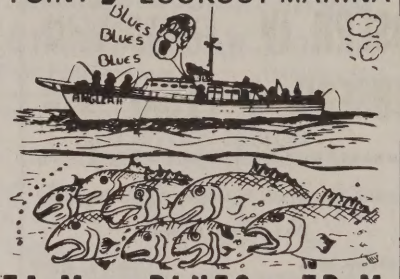

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SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reports the fishing has been really excellent. All the fish you would normally find in the bay at this time are hitting well. All the action is taking place east of Buoy 30. The weakfish are back in good numbers, and fluke and kingfish are running a close second. About 6 or 8 sharks were brought in over the weekend. They were not the usual sand sharks because they had a couple of rows of teeth. They were about 26" long. All were caught in the bay. Getting back to the usual fishing, Stan Zaremba came in with 25 weaks and some blues. All were caught on the Salty Dog lure. Mr. Weinman had 15 nice weaks to 3½ lbs. plus 6 healthy keeper sized fluke. He said he returned a good number of fluke due to their lack in size. This weekend also provided reports of blue sharks in the bay between Buoy 30 and Browns River Jetty. Dennis is waiting for a positive identification.

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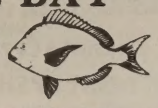

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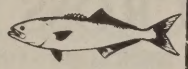

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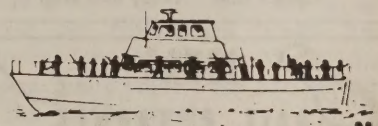

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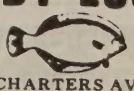

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Capt. George Tweedy of the Capt. Scotty reported he has been busy fishing for blues at night west of the Cholera Banks. He has run down to the Klondike to get fish, however, during the week the bluefish were found a ½ hour outside the Inlet. Fourteen fish per man has been the average, and there are plenty of big fish.

Capt. Wayne Westerlind of the Capt. Wayne was also out fishing but his wife reported that the fluke fishing has been fine all week long. On Saturday he made one drift which netted over 100 fluke.

Capt. Carl Bauer of the Capt. Whittaker had a very successful weekend. On Saturday the action was good, however, on Sunday the boat wound up with over 300 fluke. The pool fish went 8 lbs. During the week the fishing was fair. It seems that the grass is becoming a nuisance.

Al Kappauf of the Captree Bait Station reports that the fluke and blues are plentiful. The fluke are all over, including South Beach and into the inlet. The party boats are bringing in blues up to 10 and 12 lbs. These boats are running both day and night trips. Some small blues are in the bay.

Five year old Jerry Baker fished on his grandfather's boat, Capt. Ben Litwin out of Captree, and came up with a catch of 7 fluke.

BABYLON

Augie Principe of Augie's Bait & Tackle reported that the Babylon Tuna Contest winners were Ed Romandetti of the Three Daughters with an 18 lb. 3 oz. blue, Eve Brand on the Eve Art with an 8 lb. 5 oz. blue, and Betty Hall on the Doc I with a 6 lb. 3 oz. blue. On Friday and Saturday the blues were in 55 ft. of water. Bass are at Cedar Beach and Tom Marx came in with fish from 6 to 16½ lbs. There are lots of fluke at the Coast Guard Station and crabs are showing up well.

Walt of the Babylon Fishing Station had plenty of fluke and weakfish brought in. The fish were caught on the east side of the Captree Bridge. There are lots of shorts mixed in, so please put them back. Crabs are plentiful on the flats and by the bridge. Some crabs were also caught by the Babylon pool.

Capt. Bruce Abugel of the Flying Dutchman had a special night trip in the Great South Bay. Drifting bunker strips and casting Hopkins, anglers caught blues of 5 lbs. and better off Cherry Grove and in mid-bay.

Nat Hardy weighed in this 13 lb. carp at the Babylon Sports Center. He caught it at Argyle Lake on a doughball bait.

Gale of the Babylon Sports Center says the fresh water fishing is holding its own. There are some big bass at both Belmont and Southard's. A 4 lb. bass was caught by a young fellow very early in the morning at Belmont. Good fishing is available at Blydenburgh Park in Smithtown where boats are available. Pickerel were good but they are slowing now. A very encouraging report regarding Bubble Falls in Oakdale is a 5 lb. 8 oz. trout and a 6

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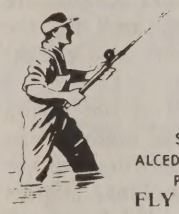

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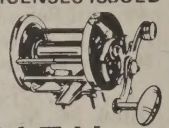

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lb. 3 oz. trout, caught by another young angler. These did not appear to be sea run fish because of their mouth shape, according to Gale.

LINDENHURST

John Schaefer of Charlie's Bait & Tackle reports the mako shark fishing is great this year. Even the kids are catching them. Eleven year old Tommy Crist brought a 117 lb. mako alongside the boat for his father to gaff. Phil Gandiosi and John Pace took turns in landing a 100 lb. mako. The mako action took place in 120 ft. of water, 165 degrees out of the Fire Island Inlet. Capt. George Mussler of the My Dad boated five sharks. Capt. Charlie Fischette of the Three Daughters reported catching a bonito. Bob Bryant fished the Hudson Canyon and caught 45 tilefish. There are lots of blues just outside the inlet at the head buoy. Frank Said caught 14 choppers to 12 lbs. Frank was chumming. In the bay there are good weakfish, some fluke, kings and bay blues. Some flounders are still available at Oak Beach. Snappers are showing strong in the local canals, and in the canal by Popeye's Dock, some kid caught 6 nice carp. This is a surprise since it's mostly salt water there.

AMITYVILLE

Marty of Sportackular reports Frank Gabriel and his father, fishing east of the NB Buoy in the area known as "The Finger," caught two bonito on black and white feathers. They also caught 40 blues in the 8 lb. class in 75 ft. of water south of Fire Island Inlet. Walter Arnold took 3½ hours to boat a 220 lb. mako. Walter was using 30 lb. test tackle, with no harness and no chair. Sounds like fun! This action took place in 115 ft. of water, 190 degrees out of Fire Island Inlet. They caught six other blue and brown sharks. They also had another mako which broke off. Capt. John Hooper, fishing aboard the Vulpis, had plenty of shark action in 120 ft. of water, 165 degrees out of Fire Island Inlet. They caught 18 sharks, most of which were blue sharks. Among the 18 sharks were one dusky and one 87 lb. mako. All were released. On Sunday, aboard the Moby D, fishing 85 ft. of water at 185 degrees out of Fire Island Inlet, John ran into bluefish and boated 33 blues from 8 to 10 lbs.

George Combs Tackle Shop reported fluke fishing is good at the Wantagh Bridge and at Goose Creek, using live killies while anchored. Keep a chum pot with bunker chum in it under the boat. Stripers were in the State Channel from Zachs Bay to Gilgo and were taken by both chumming and plugging. Blues are being taken on tinker mackerel and bunker chum in 40 ft. of water. 1-1½ lb. blues are in the bay.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of Causeway Bait & Tackle says fluking is very good, but short fish which are abundant, must be returned. Some weakfish are mixed in with the fluke. Bass chummers are doing well at the bridges. A Mr. Cacioppo (see last week's L.I.F.) got a 25 lb. striper using live bunker off Long Beach. Snappers are starting to dapple the bays, but none have taken a hook yet.

SEAFORD

Pop's Fishing Station reports lots of fluke action, with perhaps three out of fifteen as keepers. Weaks up to 6 lbs. are being taken on killie/squid combos. Four Corners and Great Island Channel are the hot spots.

Lon Wanser's Tackle Shop reports lots of bass are being chummed at the 3rd Wantagh Bridge and in the State Channel and on sandworms bounced along the bottom on a 3' hi-rig at night. Some bass have also been plugged near the bank of the 3rd bridge on Creek Chub Striper Strikes. Fluking is good, but there are lots of shorts. Shiners without squid is the best producer.

MERRICK

Nick's Fishing Station reports weakfishing is picking up some. Catches are being made south of Whaleneck Point on squid and artificial shrimp. Plenty of short fluke are available (throw 'em back, please), however, there are enough legal fish to make it interesting. Good bass chumming is available at the bridges during the wee hours when there's no boat traffic. A stray blue or two have been taken in the inlet, a good indication of things yet to come.

N.Y. Bight Report

FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the Freeport party boat Star Stream said the bluefishing continues at a frantic pace with no let up in sight. Rich said he has been fishing in the area of the Acid Stain and also Cholera Banks and the Mud Hole. Catches have been running anywhere from 10 to 30 fish per man, with the average size being about 8 lbs.

Capt. Bill Mieschberger of the Capt. Jack VI reports that night bluefishing has been excellent this entire week. On Friday night, Jack Izzo was high hook with 31 jumbo blues. Bill said he has been finding his best action in the area of Cholera Banks. The Capt. Jack VI is sailing for fluke during the day under the guidance of Capt. Cliff Tatje.

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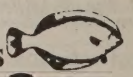

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Party boat Capt. Al Lindroth of the Capt. Al reports excellent bluefishing this past week. Al said that on the weekend it appeared to him that the lady anglers had the upper hand over their counterparts. On Saturday, Stella Kalidinski was high hook with 41 blues, while on Sunday, Maureen Jones outfished her husband, Don, by a score of 32 blues to 28. Al said due to the overabundance of private boats at the Acid Stain on the weekend, he decided to fish at the Mud Hole. He loaded up on monster blues in this area.

Capt. Don Hall, who is skippering the Capt. Al for night blues, reports that night bluefishing has been a slaughter, mostly in the area of the Cholera Banks.

Capt. Paul Schmidt of the party boat Aloma said that on Saturday morning he fished for flounder in Swift Creek. Later in the day he moved on to fluke fishing. Paul said they were rewarded with equally good catches of fluke and flounder. On Sunday, the Aloma went strictly fluke fishing in the area of Jones Inlet. Paul said approximately 150 fish were landed but only 50 were of keeper size.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White of the Angler II reports hot blue action this entire week. On Friday, they encountered super action and Capt. White said every angler on board had at least 20 fish, with most fishermen having many more. Capt. White also reports seeing many schools of small football sized tuna and quite a few bonito showing up in the chum slick. The Angler II has been loading up on blues while night fishing in the area of Cholera Banks.

Capt. Andy Pollio of the charter boat Junior II set out on Sunday with only his family on board for a pleasure trip. The end result was a fantastic day of shark fishing in the area 8 miles south of the H.A. Buoy. They landed eight sharks. Among the eight was one blue shark of approximately 85 lbs. in weight and a half dozen duskys ranging in weight from 50 to 150 lbs. However, the highlight of the day was a big mako which was caught by Andy's young daughter, Ann. It weighed in at exactly 376 lbs.

Marilyn Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station said fluke fishing continues good at Jones Inlet and Reynolds Channel. Many fish are shorts and should be returned to the water. Despite the overabundance of short fluke, some boats manage 10 to 20 keepers. Ed's weighed in their heaviest fluke so far this season. It was landed by Gene Guirato of Jackson Heights, N.Y. and weighed 8½ lbs. Ed's reports flounder action is good in Swift Creek, and small stripers can be chummed at local bridges.

ISLAND PARK

John Esposito of the Commodore Fishing Station reports that fluke fishing continues good in Reynolds Channel. John said there is a big change in the size of the fish and he finds more legal size fish being caught than shorts. Capt. Clem Esposito of the party boat Commodore has been fishing mostly off the Rockaways and also finds the fish running of more substantial size. Clem said the pool fish usually weighs in at about 5 to 6 lbs.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station said he weighed in more fish this past weekend than he would care to remember. Some of the outstanding catches were a mako shark of 258 lbs. landed on Ronnie Lepper's Kim, a mako going 258¼ lbs. landed on the Shammy by Harry Ros, and still another mako going 234 lbs. caught by Ronnie Kleinfield aboard the Skipper. Sy said there were other catches of smaller sharks made and he weighed in dozens. For the local anglers fluke fishing continues good in Reynolds Channel and in Debs Inlet. Sy reports bass fishermen are having a picnic with schoolies using clam chum at the bridges.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Rocky Becker of the Tampa IV described the bluefish action as murder. Rocky said both day and night fishing has been excellent. Catches have been running about 10 to 20 fish per man. Some sharpies are scoring with as many as 40 fish. Rocky reports the fish are big in size and average about 8 lbs. apiece.

Capt. Fred Ardolino of the Amberjack IV has also been encountering outstanding bluefishing this past week. Fred reports fishing the area of the Acid Stain and loading up on jumbo blues both day and night.

Mike's Tackle reported that fluke fishing in the area off Reis Park, Rockaway has been yielding good catches of fluke. Mike reports there are a greater number of keepers now being caught.

Joe Lauro, Jr. of Stella Maris Fishing Station said small blues can be caught in the evening off the Rockaway Jetty and the Tin Can Grounds. These fish are being trolled and also jigged. Joe said small sand porgies are plentiful along the Rockaway seawall inside Jamaica Bay. Crabbing has been excellent at the Plum Beach flats and also in Gerritsen Creek.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop said bass fishing from the beach slowed up this past week due to the brackish water. For the boat fishermen it's a completely different story. Lenny said this brown water lays about a ¼ mile off the beach and the stripers refuse to come into it. As a result, the boat fishermen are having a picnic drifting worms and trolling white and blue popping plugs. These fish run about 4 to 6 lbs. and the most productive areas have been off Oakwood Beach and Great Kills Park. Blues are being trolled on red tubes off Annadale Beach and Princess Bay. Lenny rated the blue claw crabbing as excellent and said the best action can be found along the piers in Great Kills Harbor.

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SANDY HOOK

Joe Julian of Julian's Bait & Tackle said striped bass can still be caught off Sandy Hook, mostly in the area of the Golf Ball. On Sunday the largest fish weighed in was a 43 pounder. It was caught off the Golf Ball by Leo Bacey of Brielle, N.J. On MOnday, Tom Zecchino managed three fish of 24, 8 and 6 lbs. Most of the action has been on plugs and spoons.

North Shore Report

SOUTHOLD

Mrs. Morris of the Southold Fishing Station reported excellent porgy catches, with the fish being of medium size. There are some weaks available and they are now in the 2-2½ lb. range. Watch the birds for blues, Mary advises. Porgies are being taken on clams and worms. Buoys 16, 17 and 18 are the spots, and all tides produce.

The Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported porgies of a pound or better at South Ferry and Jessups Neck. The weaks are increasing, with 3 to 10 fish per boat the average. An example of what can be done was demonstrated by a Mr. Dudley and a Mr. Boushier, fishing an incoming tide on squid at the Brickyard. These men returned with a ½ bushel of weaks. These fish are also being taken on the incoming tide at Buoy 17, Jessups Neck. The Orient Point Station is now open and fluke were taken off Truman Beach. The fluke run up to about 5 lbs.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reported very good weak and porgy fishing. This action really took hold on Friday and it is continuing and improving. Weakfish are being taken from Middle Grounds to Roses Grove on worm/squid combos or any bucktail. These weaks run up to 3 lbs., and the average is 20-30 per boat. Porgies up to 2 lbs. are taking worms or skimmers at the North and South Race.

GREENPORT

Capt. Dave Green of the Pooka III says that there are lots and lots of porgies, however, the real excitement is the wonderful catches of those scrappy kingfish which are going to a pound and better.

Art White of the A.P. White Bait Shop tells us the Wilhelric reported excellent blackfishing around Gull Island with fiddlers and clams. Stan Kaszubski of Flushing took Sunday's pool with a 9 lb. black. One charter boat returned to the dock with 97 legal fluke. Some blues and stripers are available in Plum Gut and they are being taken on 3 oz. yellow bucktails and diamond jigs. There are plenty of porgies in Peconic Bay and South Ferry. The Shelter Island shore is producing a few fluke and weaks for squid and sandworm drifters.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Ralph's Fishing Station reported lots of porgies and blackfish to be had. Four bluefish, taken on surge tubes, were brought in over the weekend and were taken in this area. (How about that, baseball fans?) Good bass activity is available in the harbor, and they are taking silver Creek Chubs. There are reports of scattered weaks and fluke.

PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. John Fischer of the Betty W said the fishing was poor. On Wednesday, 4th of July, the fishing was excellent. With six people on board they had over 100 porgies, and some sea bass and blackfish. On Saturday the fishing declined. It seems that the oil spill in Smithtown Bay has taken its toll.

Capt. Bill Littlefield of the Jib III did not sail this weekend due to maintenance work on his boat, however, the boys caught fish from the dock. Bill's little 4-year old K.C. caught a 2½ lb. eel that gave him quite a workout.

The Port Jeff Ace, fishing further east, had the usual catch of porgies. They also caught some sea bass, with one going 5 lbs. It was caught by a lady and Joe forgot to get her name. No sign of the bluefish yet, but porgies are plentiful.

The Caraftis Fishing Station held a fishing contest on the 4th of July and it was won by George Gassilfinger of Wading River, N.Y. The striped bass which took first prize weighed 50 lbs. 2 ozs. This fish apparently is the largest fish taken so far on the North shore. George wound up with a good surf pole and reel, as well as a trophy, for his efforts. Charlie also said that fluke and weaks were being caught in the harbor or Old Field Point. Porgies are fantastic all over. Sea bass are at Miller Place mixed with porgies. Blues in the 4-5 lb. class are north of Buoy 11.

NORTHPORT

Mort of the Larkfield Sports Center had little to report on for the weekend, although he was sold out of bait on Saturday afternoon. It seems that the closing of the LILCO ramp due to the oil spill slowed down the action. Mort had several reports of some striper activity but no weigh-ins.

Better news was received from Tom of Bowman's Tackle. Mossbunker have been spotted in the harbor and the Sound, with the blues chasing them, but so far no weigh-ins. Again, the oil spill seemed to discourage fishing, however, those who were determined and tried were successful. These anglers were picking up weakfish off the rocks at the east end of Makamah Beach, with some going to 5 lbs. Stripers of 6-12 lbs. were being trolled on worms at night. Andre Denise, a knowledgeable and determined angler, was picking up 2 lb. porgies in deep water about a ½ mile north of Fort Salonga. He also spotted bluefish chasing bunker, so that there is still some hope despite the LILCO oil spill.

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don Constantin of the Ever Ready Fleet, which sails Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays, called to report over 1000 mixed fish on Saturday, with about 40 fish per man the average. The mixed bag consisted of porgies, blackfish, weakfish and sea bass. One man had 133 mixed fish while another had 95, and these were on ½ day runs! A weakfish, as long as a person's arm, that must have gone 7 lbs., was lost. The weaks, in the main, are in the 3-4 lb. class.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Veterans Fishing Station reported good bottom fishing, with good catches of weakfish and blackfish. Fluke and flounder were in the Sound and off Whitewood Point. The fluke went to 7 lbs. and several boats came in with ten fish or more. The fluke were taken on worms and squid.

BAYVILLE

Pump's Park Fishing Station reported plenty of sand porgies at Centre Island Reef on worm baits. No fluke were reported. One bluefish and several weakfish took Hopkins cast to them by boatmen on Friday evening at Centre Island Reef. The blackfishing seems to have ended. An occasional striper is taken, however, there is no real bass activity.

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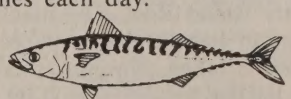
CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle reported lots of bass were taken on cut mackerel at Harts Island. These bass went to 27 lbs. Smaller stripers, 8-10 lbs., are being taken on plugs. There are lots of blackfish off Harts Island, Execution Light and the CBS tower. There are nice weaks available between Huckleberry Island and the CBS tower and they run up to 7 lbs. They are being taken on worms fished on the bottom. There are loads of porgies, and that school of mackerel is still appearing a few times each day.



WESTCHESTER

Fred Archer at Mamaroneck Fishing Station reports the bass picture to be red-hot at Scotch Caps. Tides don't mean a thing, with evening fishing paying off best. Mackerel continues to be the best bait for the big ones, with trollers doing well on smaller fish.

At Camerons in New Rochelle, first reported weakfish are filtering into the waters here. For the most part they're mixing in with the bass. A couple of blues also picked up near the lighthouse at Huckleberry Island. Bass still lead the pack, with several in the twenties and thirties coming from the waters around Fort Slocum. Sandworms are doing well here on the stripers.

In Rye, Dan Catalano at Point Tackle tells us that bass are hitting plugs too. Larchmont breakwater and Mamaroneck are paying off, as well as an area around Matinecock. The bottom is paved with porgies. Those bluefish Dan located last week were off of Oak Neck, and were harbor blues. Some of the plugs the bass are eating are Creek Chub poppers, and

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GREENWICH

Lots of big bass reported at the Sportsman's Den here. Both Greenwich Point and the waters around Sand Island in the cove have been paying off. The mouth of Cos Cob Harbor is yielding plenty of respectable bass to cut bait fishermen. Weaks have moved out of the cove and at this writing are near Buoy 32A. Porgies and blacks are still good on the bottom.

STAMFORD

Chris at Pat's Marina reports the Cows, Shippan and Grass Island are all yielding stripers. No giants, but respectable sized fish are being caught by people who never caught bass before. Porgies are everywhere, and weaks scattered among the bass schools are rounding out the steadily improving fishing picture.

At Jack's Bait & Tackle, Jack tells us that bass are smaller on the average from Cove Pond, but if anything, more plentiful. Porgies are thick off Cummings Beach. Bass are hitting off the Stamford breakwater too. Worms are working well. Weaks are hitting off Shippan with some to 5½ lbs.

NORWALK

Rita at Four Winds tells of porgy fishing wherever you drop the worm. Some humpbacks are coming from Cockenoe Island, and they've pretty much taken over the bottom picture.

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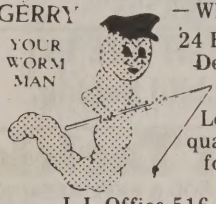
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Weaks, too, are coming from Cockenoe.

Bass are hitting cut baits and live bunker, according to Gloria Borges at the Tackle Box. With more fish in the forties this week, the bass picture remains in the Norwalk Islands. Copps, Goose and Chimmons Island are all paying off. Browns Point is producing weaks and an occasional bluefish right along with big stripers.

Vin Mola of Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle took his first bluefish of the year from waters around Sprite Island. He saw a few others taken, all on sandworms and bucktails, by weakfishermen fishing that spot.

Vinny is getting good bass reports from all over, but weaks are the stars inside the islands.

MILFORD

Vinny Ciulla at the Sportsman's Rendezvous can't remember a better bass year in these waters. Morningside, West Haven and Point Lookout as well as Charles Island are producing. Buoy 12 paid off for Vince Novarro with a 36 lb. bass which hit cut mackerel on an incoming tide. Vic Tatro hit a 35½ lb. bass on a live eel off Charles Island. Vin adds that lots of weaks are available. Bottom fishermen are loading up on mixed catches of porgies and blacks. Bluefish are on the bottom, it was discovered the other day, when mackerel baits along with hooks and leaders started disappearing. Fluke, too, are available. They're being caught on mackerel strips and chubs fished live. To complete the picture, Vin advised that harbor blues moved into the area off the sand bar at the mouth of the Housatonic.

STONINGTON

Freddy's Boat Livery tells of great bass fishing around Watch Hill and Sugar Reef. Porgies are plentiful, but small, and blacks are improving. Some blues have come in from the Race, with lots of daytime catches of bass too. Freddy advises that a "Smilin' Bill" fished on a dropper above a heavy sinker close to the bottom is really paying off for bass. Flounder fishing continues to be great into the summer months.

WATERFORD

Walt Hillyer at Hillyer's Bait & Tackle reports bass all over the place, with smaller ones in the river and big ones in the Race and on the outside. It's very possible to follow the fish in and out of the Niantic River, meeting them at several points as they move with the tide. Blues are coming in. Bartletts Reef, the Race, and Plum Gut are producing on the bottom with bunkies and cut bait. Blacks reign on the bottom, and are peaking right now. Fluke are on the increase, with trollers using spinner rigs with squid or smelt. Walt tells us of the Mijoy, a popular party boat for blues, that is right now making trips and catching bass in the Race during the day. That's a pretty good example of the exceptional bass run we're enjoying this year.

MYSTIC

From Schaefer's Boat Livery comes the news that plenty of flounder are still being caught. Bass steal the limelight however, with catches both in the river and at spots like Weequipisset Passage, Intrepid Rock, Latimers Point, White Rock. Fluke are very plentiful off Masons Island, with blues expected to begin shortly. Porgies are thick, but not very big as yet.

NEW LONDON

At Marsters Dock, weather has pretty much kept many of the boats in. Bluefish action is expected to pick up after the summer lull. Cod are tremendous, with the boats traveling to Cox's Ledge. Many of the fish are running twenty to thirty pounds. Night trips for bass are paying off in the Race.

BRIDGEPORT

Red's Bait & Tackle reports the bass on and off at Fayerweather. When it's hot it's really hot, and when it slows down it completely dies. Be there at the right time and you'll clean up on big stripers. Weakfish showed one day at St. Mary's, 200 yards from shore, and some blues have been taken on mackerel chunks in the same area. Bass are showing at Penfield and Sunken Island more often than not.

STRATFORD

From Housatonic Marina comes a report of good weakfishing around Charles Island, with some catches going to five pounds. Big bass are still coming in, with lots of action to the surfcasters at the mouth of the river. Sand porgies are available, along with fluke action like we haven't seen in a decade. The fluke aren't tremendous in size, but most are keepers, and all are hitting.

WESTPORT

Another R.J. Schaefer 50 lb. pin will go to Bill Sargent, who set a new record for the Westport Striped Bass Club in the annual overnight derby. The fish scaled 52¼ lbs., was taken outside Cockenoe Island on a live eel.

Good job, Bill!

Ed Boland at Westport Tackle tells of scattered weakfish, plenty of bass, and harbor blues finding Compo Beach at mid-week. Shore fishermen are catching porgies by the pailful, all of the smaller sand variety. Reports put big blues under the bunker, but there really haven't been that many catches so far.

NEW JERSEY

PETE BARRETT

SANDY HOOK

Julian's Bait & Tackle described the striper fishing as good for trollers using tubes, plugs, spoons and bunker from the Golf Ball south to the bathing beach area. The two largest bass this week were a 43 pounder by Leo Bacey and a 38¾ pounder by Jim Datson. Both fish were taken on bunker. Roving schools of bluefish, up to 10 lbs., are reported at Shrewsbury Rocks. Both chummers and trollers are doing well once the schools are located. Fluke fising continues to be good off the channel out of the Ammo Pier and also near the Esso tanks at Leonardo. Crabbing is fair. Along the surf, one angler reported two weakfish. Eric Quinter took a 12 lb. striper on a sandworm.

Henjo Dock reported lots of fluke near Spermacetti Cove. High hooks over the weekend were Frank Romanowski, Jim Bowers and Lou Irizarry. They had 27 fish up to 5 lbs. fishing the "Point" with killies.

SEA BRIGHT

Armand at Giglio's reported good fishing for surfmen, tin boatmen and trollers. The action is off Sea Bright and Monmouth Beach. There were weakfish in the surf over the weekend hitting sandworms along with the striped bass. Ted Mercelino had nine weaks to 5 lbs. Largest bass in the surf was caught by Dave Watson. It weighed 29 lbs. Tin boaters had a ball with striped bass to 32 lbs. drifting bunker. Armand also reported good bluefish action on tubes and Tony Accetta spoons.

Chris's Landing reported good crabbing at the bridges and Buoys 34 to 36. Striped bass are being taken on drifted sandworms. Abe Kaufman took home eight stripers to 8 lbs. over the weekend.

LONG BRANCH

Frank's Bait & Tackle reported striped bass being taken on sandworms. Frank Napuraio and Eddie Ruggiero had typical catches of striped bass from 5 to 7 lbs. A rigged eel accounted for Pat Conte's 35½ lb. striper.

Matty Sowel at the Long Branch Fishing Pier reported an increase in fluke action beginning Sunday afternoon. High hook is running 20 to 24 fish. Harold Knapp's largest fluke weighed in at 4¾ lbs. Matty said there is lots of bait in the water, with blues and weaks right behind it. Steve Weiss weighed in five bluefish from 5 to 8 lbs. Matt Krizsnyak had four weakfish to 4 lbs. Fluke action has been good and Matty expects an upswing in bluefish and weakfish action.

HUDSON RIVER

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KINGSTON

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WAPPINGERS FALLS

The B & M Bait Shop reported steady largemouth bass fishing. The bass are ranging in size from 1 to 3 lbs. Shiner bait is best. Catfishing is good on nightcrawler baits. Bow fishermen are having a field day with large carp as they come into the shallows to spawn. Down on the Hudson, Tom Lake has been catching striped bass to 10 lbs. on Redfins and poppers.

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Sayville (Brown Creek)	−3	39
Heckscher State Park	−3	20
Bay Shore	−2	23
Babylon	−2	12
Amityville	−2	21
JONES INLET	−0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	−0	25
Zachs Bay	−1	25
Seaford Harbor	−2	05
Freeport Creek	−0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	−0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	−0	38
JFK Airport	−0	26
STATEN ISLAND	−0	27
MANASQUAN	−0	12

PHASES OF THE MOON

7/29	7/7	7/15	7/23
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

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Block Island SOUND

EASTERN LONG ISLAND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	8:15	8:25
Fri.	8:54	9:01
Sat.	9:36	9:39
Sun.	10:12	10:17
Mon.	10:50	10:54
Tues.	11:28	11:31
Wed.		12:05
Thurs.	12:12	12:46

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	−0	27
Connecticut River	−1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	−0	12
Greenport	−1	04
Southold	−1	43
New Suffolk	−2	26
South Jamesport	−2	32
Shinnecock Canal	−2	33
Noyack Bay	−2	05
Sag Harbor	−0	59
Gardiners Bay	−0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	2:45	**9:20**	3:15	**9:45**
Fri.	3:30	**10:05**	4:00	**10:30**
Sat.	4:15	**10:50**	4:45	**11:15**
Sun.	5:00	**11:35**	5:30	**11:55**
Mon.	5:45		6:15	**12:25**
Tues.	6:35	**12:45**	7:00	**1:15**
Wed.	7:30	**1:40**	7:50	**2:00**
Thurs.	8:15	**2:25**	8:35	**2:50**

WESTERN Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	10:44	10:52
Fri.	11:27	11:29
Sat.	12:04	11:58
Sun.		12:33
Mon.	12:18	12:48
Tues.	12:43	1:08
Wed.	1:16	1:43
Thurs.	1:53	2:18

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
Rye Beach	−0	28

Long Island SOUND

Long Island Sound
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	10:03	10:14
Fri.	10:46	10:57
Sat.	11:29	11:40
Sun.		12:10
Mon.	12:20	12:48
Tues.	12:57	1:24
Wed.	1:37	2:02
Thurs.	2:14	2:43

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	−0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	−0	08
Bayville Bridge	−0	13
Eatons Neck Point	−0	03
Northport Bay	−0	03
Norwalk Islands	−0	10
Smithtown Bay	−0	03
Cranes Neck Point	−0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	−0	03
New Haven Harbor	−0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0	08
Herod Point	−0	07
Mattituck Inlet	−0	19
Horton Point	−0	20
Truman Beach	−0	42

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